

### CARES Act Funding US Treasury Guidance:

- Payments for programs that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- Payments for programs that were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment (March 27, 2020) of this section for the state or government.
- Payments for programs that were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.
- Counties will be asked to submit a quarterly report on expenditures incurred and projected spending - first report due 9/30 and a template will be provided by FDEM at a later date.

### CARES Act Funding Governor DeSantis and FDEM Guidance:

- Escambia allocation is **\$14,321,324 – 25%** to be provided initially
- Funds may **NOT** be used to fill shortfalls in government revenue or fees
- Expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any federal program are ineligible
- To receive the disbursement, county governments must sign a funding agreement with the Division of Emergency Management stating:
  - The County will use the fund disbursement **ONLY** on eligible expenditures as defined by the CARES Act, and related guidance from the U.S. Department of the Treasury;
  - The County agrees to repay the State of Florida any portion of the disbursed funds that is unused, or is not utilized in accordance with the CARES act stipulations; and
  - The County agrees to submit quarterly reports to FDEM detailing the expenditure of disbursed funds as well as projections of eligible expenditures.
  - Documentation and verification of expenses is critical due to **claw back**
- Should the Board of the County Commissioners wish to allocate any portion of these funds to municipalities located in their jurisdiction - on a reimbursement basis for eligible expenditures - the expenditure must be consistent with the County's proposed spending priorities, in compliance with applicable Treasury Guidelines. **Claw back provision applies**

### Nonexclusive examples of Ineligible Expenditures:

1. Expenses for State Share of Medicaid
2. Damages covered by insurance
3. Payroll or benefits expenses for employees whose work duties are not substantially dedicated to mitigating or respond to COVID-19 response
4. Federally reimbursed expenses
5. Reimbursement to donors for donated items or services
6. Workforce bonuses
7. Severance pay
8. Legal Settlements
9. Capital improvement projects not directly associated with COVID-19

### Possible Eligible Expenditures with Specific Regulations:

1. Medical Expenses
  - Emergency medical response expenses
2. Public Health Expenses
  - Communication and enforcement; medical and protective supplies; disinfection of facilities
3. Payroll Expenses for Public Safety and Public Health Services
  - Employees whose job duties have changed to COVID-19 response
4. Actions to Facilitate Compliance with Public Health Measures
  - Food delivery; telework; sick/family leave that comply with COVID-19 precaution; sanitation of jail; homeless care
5. Provision of Economic Support
  - Small business grants; payroll support program; mortgage, rent and utility programs

## CARES Act Funding – Proposed Programs and Allocations

The Governor’s press release announcing this allocation referenced that, “All counties, including counties that already received direct payment from the U.S. Department of Treasury, should provide funds to municipalities located within their jurisdiction on a reimbursement basis for expenditures eligible under the CARES Act and related guidance.”

As for other uses of these funds, we are encouraged to adopt a strategy to maximize federal funds by submitting FEMA Public Assistance (PA) eligible items to FEMA for funding, and use CARES Act money as cost share for that program. There is no requirement to do this, but it is a suggested strategy to maximize these funding sources.

The CARES Act Fund will be utilized to cover COVID-19 mitigation and response-related costs. Funding will provide financial recovery assistance through the programs listed below. The programs may be amended from time to time based on unexpected needs and availability of funds. Eligibility is based on a pre-certification process.

Each community program will outline eligibility requirements, submission of a complete program application, and necessary supporting documentation. Program applications will be designed to ensure eligibility, accountability and compliance.

## CARES Act Funding – Proposed Programs and Allocations

**Escambia County Resident,  
Family and Small Business  
Assistance**

**Initial allocation: \$4,296,397**

**Total Potential: \$17,185,588**

**30 %**

- **Rent or Mortgage**
- **Utilities including Internet & Phone**
- **Applicant must have had a loss of employment or reduction in work hours due to COVID-19 after March 1, 2020.**
- **Small Business Relief Grants – 0 to 25 employees: Small retail, salons, non-essential businesses, daycares**

**Escambia Serves - Human &  
Social Services**

**Initial Allocation: \$3,580,331**

**Total Potential: \$14,321,324**

**25 %**

- **Food Delivery**
- **Vouchers to help offset childcare expenses -- \$1,250 per child**
- **Community and Rural Broadband Connectivity**
- **Homelessness**

## CARES Act Funding – Proposed Programs and Allocations

**Escambia County Public Health and Safety 25 %**

**Initial Allocation: \$3,580,331**

**Total Potential: \$14,321,324**

- **Testing and Contact Tracing**
- **Expansion of testing sites and capabilities**
- **EMS Transport**
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and medical supplies for public health and safety workers**
- **Disinfecting of public areas and facilities**
- **Quarantining health care and public safety officers**
- **Enhanced jail sanitizing, disinfecting and safety protocols**
- **Future COVID-19 mitigation: Incident Action Plan, reserve PPE, temporary medical facilities and hospital surge capacity**

## CARES Act Funding – Proposed Programs and Allocations

**General Government - County,  
Municipalities & Constitutionals**  
**Initial Allocation: \$1,432,132**  
**Total Potential: \$5,728,529**

**10 %**

- PPE
- Public Messaging: Design, translation and promotion of COVID-19 messaging for diverse communities
- Facility Safety - preparing public buildings to serve customers, enhanced sanitizing, disinfecting and safety protocols
- Establishment of permanent telework programs Electronic/Digital Technology for Public Business including equipment
- Permanent safety improvements, reconfigurations, barriers, temperature scanners, hand sanitizing machines, modification to air handling system and environmental health

**Replenishment Account**  
**Initial Allocation: \$1,432,132**  
**Total Potential: \$5,728,529**

**10 %**

- To be utilized for future expenses