

# Lake County, Illinois Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)

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**Funding Plan** 







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#### 1. Executive Summary

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)\_was passed by Congress and signed into law on March 27, 2020. Lake County applied for Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) through the CARES Act available to municipalities with a population greater than 500,000. On April 23, 2020 Lake County received \$121,539,986.20 in CARES Act funds from the US Treasury. Guidance from the US Treasury states that funds will only be used to cover costs that:

- Are incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Were not accounted for within FY20 budget(s).
- Were incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020.

In May of 2020, the Lake County Board approved the establishment of the Special Committee\_on COVID-19 Recovery. The Special Committee provides policy guidance and strategic priorities to County Administration for the planning and execution of federal COVID response funds, recommends a CARES Act fund budget to the County Board, and provides oversight to ensure compliance with CARES Act policy and guidance. The Special Committee reports to the Lake County Board's Financial and Administrative Committee.

Based on guidance from the Special Committee, Lake County Staff built a funding plan based on six categories plus an unallocated reserve / contingency.

- Resident Support and Assistance
- Business and Economic Assistance
- Municipal & Local Essential Services
- Public Health Support and Assistance
- PPE Stockpile and Distribution
- County-Wide Essential Services
- Contingency / Reserve (Unallocated)

Within each category, programs have been developed to meet the guidance and intent of the Lake County Board and meet the needs of Lake County residents.

This plan calls for a total initial appropriation of \$105 million to develop and execute required programs within the categories defined in the plan. Because \$30 million was previously appropriated by the Lake County Board for "quick hitting" programs, an additional \$75 million will need to be appropriated to execute the plan as written. The initial "quick hitting" programs have been integrated into this plan.

With Board Approval of this plan, the County Administrator is given the responsibility and authority to execute the plan and expend appropriated CARES Act funds within approved categories while following all applicable County purchasing and procurement requirements for program execution.





# 2. Budget Summary

Lake County CARES Act Bu	dget	and Plan				
	Ì	Amount	Previously Appropriated	To	tal Budgeted	% of Total
Resident Support and As	sistan	ce				
Rental Assistance (Phase 1)	\$	4,000,000	Х			
Rental Assistance (Additional Program Funding)	\$	4,000,000				
Utility Assistance (Phase 1)	\$	1,000,000	Х			
Utility Assistance (Additional Program Funding)	\$	1,000,000			40.000.000	450/
Food Security and Assistance (Phase 1)	\$	2,000,000	Х	\$	18,000,000	15%
Food Security and Assistance (Additional Program Funding)	\$	2,000,000				
Non-Congregate Sheltering for the Homeless Population	\$	1,000,000				
Workforce - Jobs, Employment, Childcare, Transportation	\$	3,000,000				
Business and Economic A	ssista					
Small Business Grant Program (Phase 1)	\$	10,000,000	Х	ŕ	20 000 000	1.00/
Small Business Grant Program (Additional Program Funding)	\$	10,000,000		\$	20,000,000	16%
Municipal and Local Essen	tial Se	rvice				
Municipality & Fire Prot. Dist. Reimbursement Program (Phase 1)	\$	10,000,000	Х			
Municipality & Fire Prot. Dist. Reimbursement Program (Additional Program Funding)	\$	15,000,000		\$	35,000,000	29%
Taxing Body Reimbursement Program (Phase 2)	\$	10,000,000				
Public Health Support and	Assist	ance				
Health Dept. COVID-Related Operational Expenses (Reimbursement & Ongoing)	\$	3,500,000				
Substantially Dedicated Staff Payroll Expenses (Public Health Staff)	\$	3,000,000				
General Public Health Education and Messaging Costs	\$	700,000				
Mass Vaccination Efforts (Does Not Include Vaccine)	\$	1,000,000		_		
Behavioral Health Programming (Tele-Health Resources)	\$	1,000,000		\$	13,700,000	11%
Vulnerable Community - Public Health Response (Safety Kits, Education, etc.)	\$	2,000,000				
Safety Kits to Underserved Communities (70,000 Kits)	\$	1,000,000	х			
Public Health Workforce Resiliency (IT/Telecom/Training for Remote Work)	Ś	1,500,000				
*PPE Stockpile & Distri						
PPE County EMA/Health/Other Department Stockpile	\$	1,750,000				
PPE Community Support Stockpile (Schools, At-Risk, etc.)	\$	1,250,000		\$	3,000,000	2%
County-Wide Essential						
General County Support	Jei Vice					
Substantially Dedicated Staff Payroll Expenses	\$	1,000,000				
Sanitization & Disinfection Expenses	\$	1,500,000				
COVID IT Capability, Continuity, Stability, and Security	\$	2,000,000				
COVID Facilities Safety Improvements (Capital)	\$	5,000,000				
County COVID Operational Expenses	\$	1,904,000	х			
Bronner Group (Audit Consultant)	\$	96,000	X			
Wastewater COVID Testing Partnership (Public Works, NSWRD, Northwestern)	\$	200,000				
Land Team E-Plan Review/E-Application Implementation	\$	150,000				
CARES Act Program Administrative Support Consultant	\$	400,000				
Chief County Assessor's Office	*	,				
Technology Related Expenses & Needs	\$	50,000				
19th Judicial Circuit Court	*	23,222				
Technology Related Expenses & Needs	\$	475,000				
Clerk of the Circuit Court	'	-,		\$	15,300,000	13%
General Expense	\$	100,000				
County Clerk	*					
Election Support (PPE, Signage, etc.)	\$	150,000				
Coroner's Office		,				
Substantially Dedicated Staff Payroll Expenses (First Responder)	\$	50,000				
Temporary Onsite and Offsite Storage	\$	120,000				
COVID Related Supplies & Equipment	\$	900,000				
Workforce Development						
Office Modifications Necessary to Meet Public Health Guidelines	\$	30,000				
Sheriff's Office						
Jail Expenses Related to Holding IDOC Prisoners Due to COVID	\$	700,000				
Substantially Dedicated Staff Payroll Expenses (First Responder)	\$	175,000				
COVID Related Expenses	\$	300,000				
Contingency / Reserve (Ur	alloca	ted)				
Contingency / Reserve	\$	16,539,986				14%
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TOTAL	\$	121,539,986	\$ 30,000,000	\$	105,000,000	100%
Note: Program delivery cost must be included in the budgeted amount.						





#### 3. Background

#### Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)

The CARES Act was passed by Congress and signed into law on March 27, 2020. Lake County applied for Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) through the CARES Act available to municipalities with a population greater than 500,000. On April 23, 2020 Lake County received \$121,539,986.20 in CARES Act funds from the US Treasury. Guidance from the US Treasury provides the framework for the use of funds. Expenditures must be used for actions taken to respond to the public health emergency, as well as expenditures incurred to respond to second-order effects of the emergency. The County has certified, as part of the application, that funds will only be used to cover costs that:

- Are incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Were not accounted for within FY20 budget(s).
- Were incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020.

#### **Lake County Board Special Committee on COVID-19 Recovery**

On May 12, 2020, the Lake County Board approved the <u>establishment of the Special Committee</u>. The Special Committee reports to the Financial and Administrative Committee with the following purpose:

- Provide policy guidance and strategic priorities to County Administration for the planning and execution of the various federal COVID response funds provided to Lake County (CARES Act Funds, etc).
- Recommend a budget to the County Board for the federal COVID response funds provided to Lake County ensuring all appropriations are in accordance with federal regulations.
- Provide oversight to ensure compliance with policy and guidance for all expenditures of federal COVID response funds provided to Lake County.

#### **Recovery and Relief Coordination Committee**

Established to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. The Coordination Committee is comprised of senior staff and reports to the County Administrator. Based on guidance from the Special Committee on COVID-19 Recovery, the Coordination Committee will:

- Define task force goals and objectives, review individual task force plans, assess progress, and recommend adjustments.
- Ensure comprehensive and coordinated planning and execution.
- Recommend changes to task forces members (as required).
- Provide updates and recommendations to the Lake County Board Special Committee on COVID-19 Recovery.

#### **CARES Act Funding Categories ("Large Buckets")**

Based on guidance from the Special Committee, staff response and recovery task forces built a funding plan based on six categories (plus a reserve / contingency). The primary categories are:

- Resident Support and Assistance
- Business and Economic Assistance
- Municipal & Local Essential Services
- Public Health Support and Assistance
- PPE Stockpile and Distribution
- County-Wide Essential Services
- Contingency / Reserve

Programs: Staff task forces have built programs within each funding category to meet the guidance and intent of the Lake County Board and meet the needs of Lake County residents. In order to expedite funds to high priority needs, some programs have been approved with an initial appropriation.





#### 4. Execution of the Plan (Responsibilities and Authorities)

#### **County Board:**

Within the structure of this plan, the Lake County Board has the following responsibilities:

- Provide guidance, priorities, and oversite to the County Administrator through the Special Committee on COVID Recovery.
- Emergency appropriate CARES Act funds into approved categories:
  - Resident Support and Assistance
  - Business and Economic Assistance
  - Municipal & Local Essential Services
  - o Public Health Support and Assistance
  - PPE Stockpile and Distribution
  - o County-Wide Essential Services
  - Contingency / Reserve (Unallocated)
- Line item transfer funds between the approved categories.
- Approve and fund additional categories to expend CARES Act funds.
- Modify or amend this plan to best serve the residents of Lake County.

#### **County Administrator:**

With Board Approval of this plan, the County Administrator is given the following responsibilities and authorities to execute the plan and expend appropriated CARES Act funds within approved categories:

- Build and execute programs within each approved category.
- Expend / administer appropriated CARES Act funds in accordance with the approved budget and plan as well as the guidelines provided by the U.S. Department of Treasury.
- Execute any and all agreements between Lake County and designated community partners related to the allocation and distribution of allocated funds (authority delegated to the County Administrator or their documented designee(s) for each specific program.)
- Follow all applicable County purchasing and procurement requirements for program execution.
- Recommend CARES Act budget allocations and amended line item transfers to the County Board.
- Approve additional programs that meet Special Committee guidance within approved categories.
- Move funds between programs within an approved category.
- Approve all related purchase orders, invoices, or contract modifications or provide written documentation of authorized designees for each specific program.
- Seek Consultant guidance where necessary to ensure compliance.
- Report plan progress at every Special Committee and F&A Committee meeting.





#### 5. Category: Resident Support and Assistance

# **Resident Support & Assistance**

# Lake County

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#### **Focus Areas**

- · Food and nutrition
- Rental assistance
- Utility payment assistance
- Jobs and employment
- Homelessness / housing stability
- · Domestic and family violence
- · Child and family services
- Transportation

#### **Partners**

- Townships
- Not-for-profits

\$18,000,000 (15%)

		Amount	Total Budgeted
Resident Support and Assistan	ice		
Rental Assistance (Phase 1)	\$	4,000,000	
Rental Assistance (Additional Program Funding)	\$	4,000,000	
Utility Assistance (Phase 1)	\$	1,000,000	
Utility Assistance (Additional Program Funding)	\$	1,000,000	£ 10,000,000
Food Security and Assistance (Phase 1)	\$	2,000,000	\$ 18,000,000
Food Security and Assistance (Additional Program Funding)	\$	2,000,000	
Non-Congregate Sheltering for the Homeless Population	\$	1,000,000	
Workforce - John Employment Childrage Transportation	4	3,000,000	

#### **Program List**

- A. Rental & Utility Assistance (\$10 million)
  - Phase I: Funded at \$4 million and \$1 million (Previously Approved and Allocated)
  - Phase II: Additional funding proposed at \$4 million and \$1 million
- B. Food Security and Assistance (\$4 million)
  - Phase I: Funded at \$2 million (Previously Approved and Allocated)
  - Phase II: Additional funding proposed at \$2 million
- C. Non-Congregate Sheltering for Homeless proposed at \$1 Million
- D. Workforce Jobs, Employment, Transit, Childcare proposed at \$3,000,000





#### 5.A Program: Rental and Utility Assistance

Goal / Objective	Mitigate community spread of COVID-19 by providing safe places for people to
	"stay at home."
Project Summary	<ul> <li>COVID-19-related loss of income leading to inability to pay rent/utilities; rent/utility assistance would be provided by qualified sub-recipient organizations directly to landlord/utility providers on tenant's behalf.</li> <li>Up to three months of rental and/or utilities assistance or arrears for households with income of under 80% area median income¹ and liquid assets under \$7,500</li> <li>Coordinated through 211 for easy access</li> <li>Clients will be tracked in ServicePoint to eliminate duplication</li> <li>Screening for eligibility for other basic needs assistance and relevant County programs, including workforce</li> <li>Budgeting assistance provided</li> </ul>
Relevant Data	<ul> <li>Housing assistance was the top reason people called Lake County's 211 in March with 435 calls<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Lake County April Unemployment 14.8%<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>
Implementation Partners	<ul> <li>Catholic Charities, Community Action Partnership, Community Partners for Affordable Housing</li> <li>United Way's 211</li> <li>Townships</li> <li>Other community organizations         Budget Information         Phase I: \$4 Million Rental, \$1 Million Utility         Phase II: Additional \$4 Million Rental, \$1 Million Utility     </li> </ul>
<b>Budget Information</b>	Agencies will receive an upfront allocation and then reimbursement

#### **5.B Program: Food Programs**

#### **Priorities**

- 1. Food Pantry Support
- 2. Lake County Community Action to Counter Hunger (CATCH) Food
- 3. Shelter Food Support
- 4. New Food Program(s) Meet Unmet Needs

https://www.lakecountyil.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12800/Income-and-RentLimits-PDF

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Lake County residents must be at or below 80% Area Median Income, adjusted for the household size, according to the CDBG income limits published by HUD. A chart containing income limits per household size is available on the Lake County website at the following URL:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://uwlc.211counts.org/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Illinois Department of Employment Security, Workforce Information Update – April 2020





#### **5.B.1** Program: Food Pantry Support

Goal	Encure food incours residents of lake County have access to food
	Ensure food insecure residents of Lake County have access to food.
Objective	Support existing community efforts in meeting increasing demand for food.
Project Summary	The Northern Illinois Food Bank network supplies food to distribute for most of Lake County's pantries. They can use funding to support the Lake County Food Fund used for purchasing specific items that would then be put on the shopping list and available to Lake County agencies (see list below) with no shared maintenance fees, to support pop-up distribution costs, and for equipment needed such as refrigerators.
Relevant Data	<ul> <li>Most pantries in Lake County have seen a 50% or more increase in demand for services (NIFB) since February.</li> <li>Two examples of increased demand include:         <ul> <li>75% of those that attended a pop-up food distribution last week at Six Flags Great America had never used a food pantry before. This distribution served 2200 families. (NIFB)</li> <li>NIFB is expanding My Pantry Express (grocery ordering and pickup) from 100 to 450 orders per week as a result of this increased demand at the the Waukegan Walmart location.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Food insecurity has also increased due to high unemployment (March and April unemployment data shows a cumulative of over 42,000 claims filed in Lake County, (IDES). This represents a nearly 6-fold increase in unemployment claims filed since the onset of the pandemic.</li> </ul>
Implementation Partners	Northern Illinois Food Bank
Budget Information	\$500,000

#### **5.B.2** Program: Lake County Community Action to Counter Hunger (CATCH)

Goal	Ensure food insecure residents of Lake County have access to food.
Objective	Support existing community efforts in meeting increasing demand for food.
Project Summary	<ul> <li>Lake County CATCH is a coalition of social service providers, non-profit organizations, community-based organizations, and houses of worship committed to ensuring that everyone in our community has enough food to eat during the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>Lake County CATCH can help deliver groceries, meal boxes, or hot/cold meals to community members who need to remain at home but don't have access to the resources they need (including seniors, those with underlying health conditions, and those who have tested positive for COVID-19). CATCH is funded through private donations but needs support to scale up to meet increased demand during the pandemic. All</li> </ul>





	<ul> <li>CATCH services are free of charge for those who need it and do not impact public charge.</li> <li>Because this is a coalition, funding is recommended to be provided directly to vendor partners.</li> </ul>
Relevant Data	<ul> <li>This collaboration provided more than 3000 meals to PADS and A Safe Place during the pandemic related non-congregate shelter operations to date.</li> <li>Online referrals over the past two-week period have resulted in 31 high-risk families being fed.</li> <li>This program has successfully reached those that would normally fall through the cracks of our food system- such as those ineligible for SNAP, people without social support to get groceries delivered, without technology or funds to order groceries, who lack transportation or are homebound and unable to use food pantries.</li> </ul>
Implementation	Alliance for Human Services (Project managing organization)
Partners	Community Action Partners (Vendor)
	Roberti Community House (Vendor)
	Curt's Café (Vendor)
Budget Information	\$250,000

#### **5.B.3 Program: Shelter Food Support**

Goal	Ensure food insecure residents of Lake County have access to food.
Objective	Support existing community efforts in meeting increasing demand for food.
<b>Project Summary</b>	Provide financial support to purchase meals for shelter clients
Relevant Data	Provide financial support to purchase meals for shelter clients
	Lake County's shelter system is currently housing more than 240 people in motel based non-congregate settings.
	<ul> <li>Non-congregate motel sheltering does not provide food prep facilities nor easy access to grocery stores. Consequently, food costs increase in motel based non-congregate shelter settings.</li> </ul>
Implementation	• PADS
Partners	A Safe Place
	Community Action Partnership
Budget Information	\$250,000

#### **5.C Program: Non-Congregate Sheltering for Homeless**

Goal	Mitigate community spread of COVID-19 by providing safe places for people to "stay at home." Quarantine Shelter for People Experiencing Homelessness
Objective	Provide safe sheltering for the homeless and support transitions to appropriate housing.





A Safe Place, domestic violence shelter, and PADS are providing shelter in hotels to limit virus exposure     Services are provided by phone to work on housing plans and referrals     One times costs, such as application fees and security deposits serve as a barrier to housing. The Finish Line Fund model was piloted last year and will help move people out of shelter and into housing.  Relevant Data  Relevant Data  • Homeless census is more than 3 times what it would normally be at this time of year.  • A Safe Place's domestic violence crisis line is averaging over 100 calls per week when last year at this time there were an average of 14 calls.[1]  • Housing assistance was the top reason people called 211 since March 15 with 493 calls[2]  Implementation Partners  • A Safe Place to provide domestic violence shelter and services.  • PADS Lake County to provide emergency shelter and services.  • Catholic Charities to administer payments for housing-related costs.  • Lake County Coalition for the Homeless to manage the housing referral and placement process.  Budget Information  Estimated costs of \$1 million dollars to assist:  • PADS for hotels and associated costs  • A Safe Place for hotels and associated costs  • Catholic Charities for one-time costs, such as security deposit, to assist households in moving in to housing  [1] Email from Pat Davenport, Executive Director of A Safe Place [2] https://uwlc.211counts.org/		
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#### 5.D Program: Workforce

#### **Priorities**

- Childcare
- Transportation
- Additional Programs to Support Employment and Jobs are Being Developed

#### **5.D.1** Program: Workforce – Childcare Support and Assistance

Goal	Assist childcare providers with costs related to COVID-19 requirements and provide new in-home childcare options to the community.	
Objective	Ensure residents returning to work have childcare	
	<ul> <li>Ensure current community daycare centers and home care providers remain operable with decreased enrollment</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Train and subsidize childcare providers to work in family homes</li> </ul>	
Project Summary	Surveyed childcare providers in June and July who identified:	
	<ul> <li>increased cost to remain open following State requirements</li> </ul>	





- o are concerned about long term sustainability of operations due to decreased enrollment
- o difficulty sourcing PPE and Cleaning supplies in bulk
- 69% English and 45% Spanish respondents applied for the Childcare Restoration Grant
- 90% English and 59% Spanish respondents experienced lost revenue due to capacity constraints
- 83% English and 95% Spanish respondents are open

#### Select Comments from Survey:

- Our concerns at this moment are: Lack of enrollment; Lack of income: job security/payroll/rent/taxes/utilities/supplies; Feasibility of following the guidelines
- conditions. We are currently operating in the red, and I have to make some tough decisions. I have to raise the rates or close.
- o In May and June my income was \$13,000 short each month to cover payroll and that included nothing left to pay rent, insurance, utilities etc. Luckily I received the PPP SBA loan but those funds are now depleted. SO my concern is what will happen over the next 4-6 months if my revenue doesn't increase or I do not receive additional grant monies. I foresee having to possibly close down by the end of 2020 if things stay the same with lost revenue, lost capacity and low enrollment.

#### Barriers to reopening/remaining open

- Cost: Facilities have increased cost for PPE, disinfectants, staffing needs related to following COVID State requirements
- Enrollment: Families not returning due to job loss and fear of COVID exposure
- Staffing: Teachers with school age children cannot work without programs for their children over summer and with remote learning

#### Opportunities for funding

- o Operational subsidy to offset reduced enrollment
- o Disinfectants, cleaning supplies and PPE.
- Gap Funding due to reduced monthly tuition income (SBS Loan selfcertify)
- Subsidized daycare tuition for families
- Create a subsidized program for individual care in family homes to be provided by out-of-work childcare workers and recent graduates with childcare training and education. Focus on homes that have a single working parent that cannot return to work due to E-learning or lost spot in childcare facility due to COVID capacity restrictions.

#### **Relevant Data**

- 461 licensed childcare providers in Lake County
- Approximately 22,355 children served by childcare in Lake County (Data from Early Childhood Community Coalition project 2019)
- \$270 million Illinois Childcare Restoration Grant applications due July 24<sup>th</sup> with awards given in August.





Implementation	YWCA Childcare Referral and Resource for Lake County
Partners	Early Childhood Community Coalition
	Park Districts
	Church/Food Pantry
	Other community partners
<b>Budget Information</b>	• \$3 Million
Funding Model	Reimbursement Model for childcare providers based on application requests

#### **5.D.2** Program: Workforce – Transportation

Goal	Ensure access to paratransit services for senior, disabled and low-income
	residents.
Objective	Off set expenses of the additional costs per trip with paratransit operations being changed to allow only single rider trips
Project Summary	<ul> <li>LCDOT coordinates the Ride Lake County Central program which provides paratransit trips in Fremont, Libertyville and Shields Townships</li> <li>LCDOT coordinates the Ride Lake County West Program which provides paratransit services in Fremont, Wauconda, Avon, Grant, Lake Villa, and Antioch Townships</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Pace is the paratransit operator for both Ride Lake County Services and has modified operations to only allow a single rider per trip during the pandemic.</li> </ul>
Relevant Data	<ul> <li>Pre-COVID the Ride Lake County Programs serve on average 250-300 residents.</li> <li>During the COVID period the Ride Lake County programs are serving between on average 70-100 residents.</li> </ul>
Implementation	Lake County Division of Transportation
Partners	Ride Lake County Central
	Ride Lake County West
Budget Information	\$50,000 Rough Estimates
Funding Model	Reimbursement process





#### 6. Category: Business and Economic Assistance

# Business & Economic Assistance



\$20,000,000 (46%)

#### Focus Areas

- Small Business Assistance
- · Preserve, support jobs / workforce
- Clear guidance for opening
- Goods and services to support response / re-opening
- · Not-for-profits (future consideration)

#### **Partners**

- Lake County Partners
- Lake County Visitor's Bureau
- College of Lake County
- · Chambers of Commerce

	\$20,000,000 (16%)		
		Amount	Total Budgeted
Business and Economic Assistance			
Small Business Grant Program (Phase 1)	\$	10,000,000	\$ 20,000,000
Small Business Grant Program (Additional Program Funding)	\$	10,000,000	\$ 20,000,000

#### **Program List**

- A. Small Business Grant Program (\$10,000,000) (Previously Approved and Allocated)
- B. Small Business Grant Program (Additional Funding)

#### 6.A-B Program Overview: Small Business Grant Program

Summary	The Lake County Small Business Assistance Grant Program was created by			
	the Lake County Board with the expressed purpose of assisting small, main			
	street, businesses who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. The			
	intent is to cover four months' worth of occupancy costs plus incremental			
	costs brought on by the response to COVID-19 and the requirements of the			
	Restore Illinois plan. The program is administered by Lake County Partners			
	(LCP) with final grant approval and funds dispersed by Lake County.			
Program Eligibility	Small businesses in Lake County who meet the following criteria are eligible			
	to apply in the first round of funding.			
	For profit, incorporated business (e.g. LLC, S Corp, Partnership, Sole			
	Proprietorship, etc.). Independent contractors not currently eligible.			
	• In business prior to February 15, 2020.			
	Earn less than \$2.5 million in annual revenue			





	Must be able to document a significant negative business impact from COVID-19
	Preference will be given to businesses who have not received Federal
	Assistance [i.e. Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) or Economic Injury
	Disaster Loan (EIDL)].
Program Goals	Provide a grant to all eligible Lake County small businesses that apply
Trogram douis	(request additional funding if / when needed)
	The Program looks to accomplish the goals of geographic distribution
	and representation of minority and women-owned businesses.
Grant Award	Grant award not to exceed \$30,000 to a business.
Grant Awara	The grant award has been calculated not to exceed \$30,000 is intended
	to cover four months of occupancy costs (i.e. rent, mortgage, utilities)
	and incremental expenses incurred due to COVID-19 (e.g. PPE, new
	equipment, plexiglass, masks, sanitization services/materials, employee
	training, etc.).
	<ul> <li>Average monthly rent x 4.5, up to a maximum of \$30,000. For example:</li> </ul>
	If a small business paid rent of \$57,600 in 2019, their grant award would
	be. \$57,600 ÷ 12 = \$4,800 x 4.5 = \$21,600
	Where a business has multiple locations that are eligible, a grant award will
	only be awarded to one location.
Process	The Small Business Assistance Grant Program is a new program being
FIOCESS	developed in response to COVID-19 and accessing CARES act funding to
	assist businesses. There are multiple process components that were
	deployed in the development and delivery of the program.
	Identify program manager
	Establish a community-led taskforce to guide and advise on program
	development
	Develop an application and application portal
	Assemble a team of individuals to answer questions and assist
	businesses in completing the application
	Develop a promotion plan
	Establish a process for application review and selection
	Develop a grant review and approval team and process
	Address steps to make <b>timely payment</b> to businesses
	It is expected that the total eligible applications through this first round of
	funding will exceed the approved and allocated \$10 million.
	runding will exceed the approved and anocated \$10 million.
	Recommendations for additional funding may be asked to fund all eligible
	applications received or provide available data to support changes in
	eligibility and goals to reissue a revised program design and application.
Program Manager	Lake County Partners as the public/private economic development agency
	representing all of Lake County and Lake County businesses was selected as
	the program manager. The program manager is responsible for the
	development of the program components, the online application, and
	providing oversight of the program delivery.
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Community-led	The Lake County COVID-19 Business & Economic Development Task Force	
Taskforce	was convened by Lake County Partners and led out by the Small Business	
	Development Center, College of Lake County.	
	Taskforce Goals:	
	Identify recovery solutions and specify CARES Act funding required to	
	design and implement those solutions.	
	Gather input from the business community about recovery needs.	
	Identify and prioritize solutions.	
	Present solution proposals to the Lake County COVID-19 Recovery	
	Committee.	
	Provide guidance for solution design and implementation.	
	Taskforce Roles and responsibilities	
	Provide input and perspective on issues facing the Lake County small	
	business community.	
	Talk with other businesses to get additional input and perspective.	
	Represent the businesses they speak with to the task force and the task	
	force to the businesses.	
	Help create business recovery solutions.	
	<ul> <li>Attend task force meetings and be accountable for action items.</li> </ul>	
Application and	Lake County Partners (LCP) outsourced the development and hosting of the	
<b>Application portal</b> online application. LCP provides direct oversight to the third part		
	approves and monitors the work being done.	
	The third party developed the application web-portal.	
	Businesses are directed to fill out the required information, completing	
	each field of the application, and uploading required supplemental	
	information as well as attesting to terms and legal disclaimers.	
	Businesses are required to report how they have been negatively	
	impacted by COVID-19.	
	• The application portal is open for a set amount of time (July 7 – July 20).	
	Application are available in English and Spanish.	
	Paper applications are not available.	
Application FAQ and	Teams have been assembled to assist businesses with questions during the	
Assistance	application process	
	Questions pertaining to the application and website problems (third	
	party vendor)	
	Specific business-related questions (SBDC)	
	Program questions (LCP)	
	LCP and SBDC led three webinars throughout the application period	
	fielding questions and providing additional assistance.	
	An FAQ document was created, shared and updated	
Promotion Plan	Lake County Communication is the lead agency in developing and	
	deploying the media and marketing plan with participation from LCP,	
	Health Department and Small Business Development Center of College	
	of Lake County.	
	The goal of the promotion plan is to build awareness of the program	
	among small businesses across the county.	





•	<ul> <li>Leveraging partners is critical to the success of getting the word to all</li> </ul>
	businesses including Chambers of Commerce, including the Hispanic
	Chamber and the Black Chamber; municipalities and economic
	development groups; community-based organizations and faith-based
	community; and the Job Center of Lake County.

- A media toolbox was created and shared with all partnering agencies to get the message out continuously throughout the program's two weeks.
- Additional outreach measures were implemented to increase the number of applications received by zip codes as well as women and minority owned businesses.

# Application Review and Approval

There is a multi-level review and approval process to move the applications from complete – eligible – approved.

- Complete applications are moved to be screened to meet eligibility
- Eligible applications are moved to randomization to meet program goals
- All remaining applications are randomized to total the approved and allocated funding of \$10M

A Grant Award Committee is formed to review and approve applications for recommendation of final approval.

County Administrator reviews the approved applications and provides final approval.

#### Accountability

Payment is processed by the County and paper checks are issued.

Due diligence will be done throughout the application process of businesses providing information and documentation required to substantiate eligibility, grant award calculation, COVID-19 impact and use of the funds. Businesses will be required to submit a report of how the funds were spent. Improper use of the funds could require the grant to be paid back.

Data and process status reports will be compiled weekly once the application is online and through the payment process.

A program status report will be provided after the program is closed. – it is anticipated after the payments have been made

- Total number of applications
- Total number of applications that met criteria
- Total number of applications approved
- Total number grants awarded
- Break down of total award
- Total number of applications and total grants awarded
  - Minority-owned
  - Women-owned
  - In business less than one year (started business between Feb 2019 to Feb 2020)
  - Key business sectors
  - Zip codes





#### Data sources used to guide program eligibility and program goals

Lake County Businesses by Sales Volume Source: Reference USA database accessed on June 12, 2020		
\$500,000-\$1 Million	8,237	
\$1-2.5 Million	4,522	
\$2.5-5 Million	1,979	
\$5-10 Million	1,158	
\$10-20 Million	502	
\$20-50 Million	355	
\$50-100 Million	128	
\$100-500 Million	69	
\$500 Million - \$1 Billion	16	
More than \$1 Billion	9	

NOTE: Reference USA is based on phone surveys of businesses. Several businesses decline to report a sales volume number.





#### 7. Category: Municipal and Local Essential Services

# Municipal & Local Essential Services



(29%)

#### Focus Area

Reimburse COVID response costs

#### Partners 4 8 1

- · All 52 municipalities
- Lake County Municipal League
- Fire Protection Districts
- Other Taxing Bodies (Priorities)

\$35,000,000

- School Districts
- Library Districts
- Park Districts
- Forest Preserve
- Townships

	<b>455,000,000</b> (2576)		
		Amount	Total Budgeted
Municipal and Local Essential Service			
Municipality & Fire Prot. Dist. Reimbursement Program (Phase 1)	\$	10,000,000	
Municipality & Fire Prot. Dist. Reimbursement Program (Additional Program Funding)	\$	15,000,000	\$ 35,000,000
Taxing Body Reimbursement Program (Phase 2)	\$	10,000,000	

#### **Program List**

- A. Municipality and Fire Prot. District Reimbursement (Previously Approved and Allocated)
- B. Municipality and Fire Prot. District Reimbursement
- C. Other Taxing Body Reimbursement

#### 7.A-B Program: Municipal and Fire Protection District Reimbursement

GOAL	Recognizing the important and unique role that governments play, the			
	CARES Act included funding to help offset the costs of local government			
	response to the coronavirus pandemic			
OBJECTIVE	Reimburse local governments for unbudgeted, COVID-19-related expenses			
	that meet specific criteria established by the U.S. Department of Treasury			
	that occur between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020.			





PROJECT SUMMARY	<ul> <li>Guidelines modeled after the guidance and FAQ's produced by the Department of Treasury provide the framework for the expenses that can be reimbursed.</li> <li>Municipalities and fire protection districts were invited on July 15, 2020 to submit reimbursement requests by July 31, 2020 for an initial allocation of \$9 million and \$1 million, respectively.</li> </ul>	
RELEVANT DATA	<ul> <li>Direct reimbursement funding will be provided to Lake County's 52 municipalities and 19 fire protection districts.</li> <li>The maximum available allocation for each taxing body is determined by population.</li> <li>Additional opportunities to request reimbursement may be available in the future.</li> <li>Allowable expenses include payroll expenses, paid sick and medical leave for compliance with COVID-19, personal protective equipment, sanitation and disinfection, facility and space expenses to meet Public Health guidelines, telework capabilities, legal and communications expenses, and FEMA Public Assistance Program 25% local cost share.</li> <li>Non-allowable expenses include revenue loss, non-COVID-19-related expenses, damages covered by insurance, expenses covered by another federal, state or local program, donor reimbursements, severance pay, legal settlements, and bonuses/incentives and permanent salary</li> </ul>	
IMPLEMENTATION	Lake County Administrator's Office	
PARTNERS	Lake County Finance and Administrative Services	
	Lake County State's Attorney's Office	
	CARES Act consultant to Lake County	
BUDGET INFORMATION	\$9 million for municipalities	
	\$1 million for fire protection districts	
	Additional funding is under consideration for these local governments	
	as well other local taxing entities.	
FUNDING MODEL	Reimbursement requests are being reviewed and reimbursed internally by	
	Lake County.	
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#### 7.C Program: Taxing Body Reimbursement

#### **Program Priorities:**

- 1. School Districts
- 2. Library Districts
- 3. Park Districts
- 4. Forest Preserve District
- 5. Townships





# **7.C.1** Program: School District Reimbursement

Goal	To mitigate K-12 spread of COVID-19 by providing funding for Lake County				
	K-12 Schools for their students and staff to remain safe in school				
	environments and to allow district to develop the best alternative means				
	possible if in person instruction is limited or impractical.				
Objective	Provide educational instruction as much as possible in person while				
	continuing to evaluate and develop alternative methods of delivery during				
	the COVID-19 pandemic.				
Project Summary	School Districts will be allocated funding on a reimbursement basis to				
	assist with COVID related needs which may include items such as				
	<ul> <li>keeping schools clean and operational</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Providing alternative means of educational instruction</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Procuring technology infrastructure and hardware</li> </ul>				
	Outside vendors are being contacted in all school aspects to assist in all				
	phases during this pandemic				
Relevant Data	In person learning is what is best for students				
	45 public school districts				
	6 charter schools				
	29 Nonpublic schools				
	• 142,468 students				
<b>Guidance Documents</b>	http://www.isbe.net/Documents/FAQ-Part-3-Transition-Guidance.pdf				
	https://www.isbe.net/Lists/News/NewsDisplay.aspx?ID=1324				
Implementation	Collaboration between feeder schools and other districts				
Partners	Communication with all stakeholders				
	Lake County Health Department				
	Illinois Department of Public Health				
	Illinois State Board of Education				
Budget Information	Requesting \$5 million be allocated to be used on a per pupil calculation.				





# 7.C.2-5 Program: General Taxing Body Reimbursement

GOAL	Recognizing the important and unique role that governments play, the CARES Act included funding to help offset the costs of local government response to the coronavirus pandemic		
Овјестіvе	Reimburse local governments for unbudgeted, COVID-19-related expenses that meet specific criteria established by the U.S.  Department of Treasury that occur between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020.		
PROJECT SUMMARY	<ul> <li>Guidelines modeled after the guidance and FAQ's produced by the Department of Treasury provide the framework for the expenses that can be reimbursed.</li> <li>Priority for reimbursement is:         <ul> <li>School District (separate program)</li> <li>Library Districts</li> <li>Park Districts</li> <li>Forest Preserve District</li> <li>Townships</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
RELEVANT DATA	<ul> <li>Direct reimbursement will be provided to taxing bodies.</li> <li>The maximum available allocation for each taxing body is determined by population.</li> <li>Additional opportunities to request reimbursement may be available in the future.</li> <li>Allowable expenses include payroll expenses, paid sick and medical leave for compliance with COVID-19, personal protective equipment, sanitation and disinfection, facility and space expenses to meet Public Health guidelines, telework capabilities, legal and communications expenses, and FEMA Public Assistance Program 25% local cost share.</li> <li>Non-allowable expenses include revenue loss, non-COVID-19-related expenses, damages covered by insurance, expenses covered by another federal, state or local program, donor reimbursements, severance pay, legal settlements, and bonuses/incentives and permanent salary increases.</li> </ul>		
IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS	<ul> <li>Lake County Administrator's Office</li> <li>Lake County Finance and Administrative Services</li> <li>Lake County State's Attorney's Office</li> <li>CARES Act consultant to Lake County</li> </ul>		
BUDGET INFORMATION	\$10 million Proposed these local taxing entities.		
FUNDING MODEL	Reimbursement requests are being reviewed and reimbursed internally by Lake County.		





#### 8. Category: Public Health Support and Assistance

# Public Health Support & Assistance



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#### Focus Areas

- Consumables
- Education
- Vaccination
- · Contact tracing & testing
- · Vulnerable community assistance
- Behavioral health services
- · Local healthcare system capacity

#### **Partners**

- Health Department
- Local hospitals
- Long term care facilities

\$13,700,000 (11%)

Note: Lake County Health Department has access to numerous funding streams. The in this table only includes CARES Act funds budgeted to support and augment these other funding streams.		<u>Amount</u>	Total Budgeted
Public Health Support and Assistance			
Health Dept. COVID-Related Operational Expenses (Reimbursement & Ongoing)	\$	3,500,000	
Substantially Dedicated Staff Payroll Expenses (Public Health Staff)	\$	3,000,000	
General Public Health Education and Messaging Costs	\$	700,000	
Mass Vaccination Efforts (Does Not Include Vaccine)	\$	1,000,000	ć 43.700.000
Behavioral Health Programming (Tele-Health Resources)	\$	1,000,000	\$ 13,700,000
Vulnerable Community - Public Health Response (Safety Kits, Education, etc.)	\$	2,000,000	
Safety Kits to Underserved Communities (70,000 Kits)	\$	1,000,000	
Public Health Workforce Resiliency (IT/Telecom/Training for Remote Work)	\$	1,500,000	

#### **Program List**

- A. Health Department COVID-Related Operational Expenses
- B. Health Department Substantially Dedicated Staff Payroll
- C. Public Health Education and Messaging
- D. Mass Vaccination
- E. Behavioral Health Programming
- F. Vulnerable Communities Public Health Response Community Prevention Support
- G. Public Health Workforce Resiliency





#### 8.A Program: Health Department COVID-Related Operational Expenses

Summary	The Health Department will continue to incur operational expenses for as long as it needs to respond to the pandemic and continue providing the
	necessary services to support the Lake County community. These costs will range from operational supplies, medical supplies, PPE, and cleaning
	services. This program will ensure that the Health Department can continue to provide as close to normal levels of programming as possible with the necessary modifications to accommodate the current pandemic's needs.

#### 8.B Program: Health Department Substantially Dedicated Staff Payroll

Summary	As a result of COVID-19, the Health Department has reassigned staff to serve the county's response's critical functions. These staff are paid from a mix of tax support, grants, and reimbursements for services provided. Reassigned staff were primarily from revenue-generating programs that cannot operate during the pandemic. However, other reassignments have resulted in a lower ability to claim payment for rendered services and less being done on grant-based work. This program would support the continued COVID-19 response by providing payroll allocations for those reassignments, making up for part of the deficit created. It will also enable LCHD to continue to be flexible in providing the needed services to the community (through supplemental staffing). The payroll allocation will only
	be used for staff who are substantially dedicated to the COVID-19 response.

# 8.C Program: Public Health Education and Messaging

Summary	Responding to a pandemic of this magnitude requires significant community education. Assuring that Lake County residents have the information they need and can appropriately use that information to make decisions is a primary objective of the Health Department's pandemic response. This program will provide funds needed to develop and disseminate public health education to all populations in a way that is accessible, culturally relevant, and effective. This includes costs for placement in traditional media (direct mail, newspaper, etc.) and online channels (website, social media) and funds to design, translate, test, and
	implement education campaigns to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

#### 8.D Program: Mass Vaccination

Summary	While a vaccine has not been developed for COVID-19, the Health
	Department is preparing for the large-scale vaccination effort needed





should a vaccine be developed. Also, the Health Department is planning mass vaccination campaigns for conditions that increase the risk and severity of COVID-19 (i.e. Influenza). This program would prepare the Health Department and the broader health system in Lake County to provide the needed vaccines at a size and scope that matches the pandemic's severity. This includes purchasing operational supplies required for vaccination site operations, medical supplies for the delivery of vaccines, and retainers for vaccination sites.

#### 8.E Program: Public Health Workforce Resiliency

Summary	COVID-19 significantly disrupted the Health Department's workforce. In
	response to social distancing requirements and for our clients and staff's
	safety, the Health Department moved any employee who did not need to
	be in the office to remote work. Unfortunately, some teams are still
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	working at the Health Department offices only because they do not have
	the technology necessary to work remotely (i.e., laptops and phones).
	COVID-19 has radically shifted the way everyone works and will continue to
	change how the Health Department must operate its programs to deliver
	the highest quality of service to the Lake County community. This program
	increases the Health Department workforce's resilience the this and future
	pandemics by providing the technology to make remote work an acceptable
	alternative for as many staff as possible without sacrificing services. It will
	also implement technology that enables the Health Department again to
	provide needed services that were stopped due to the pandemic (i.e.,
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	residential services). Also, the program will allow our programs to rethink
	how they must engage with the Lake County community moving forward
	(i.e., virtual focus groups).

#### 8.F Program: Behavioral Health Programming

Goal	Increase access to telehealth services (counseling, psychiatry, medical), address increase of grief and trauma issues, and promote harm reduction for overdose prevention.
Objectives	<ul> <li>Provide central location(s) for people to access their telehealth appointments if they don't have that ability or privacy at home.</li> <li>Increase behavioral health providers' abilities to effectively address grief and trauma issues, and to increase the availability of these services.</li> <li>Provide access to and encourage harm reduction strategies for those unable or unwilling to access treatment or commit to abstinence.</li> </ul>
Project Summary	Telehealth





- o Most behavioral health service providers have moved their services to a telehealth model due to restrictions on onsite care due to COVID. Many people don't have access to the technology or knowledge to take advantage of these services. They may lack compatible devices or adequate internet service, or knowledge on how to use the technology. This is especially true for people who are economically disadvantaged or have little experience with technology.
- Some people cannot use telehealth services from home because of lack of privacy. This is especially true for people who live with multiple family members or roommates, victims of domestic violence, and adolescents who do not wish their parents to know they are seeking counseling.
- The plan would require video-capable computers and internet access, a secure location(s) and staff to assist people with using the equipment and cleaning the devices between uses.

#### Grief and Trauma

- Train existing providers in the behavioral health system to increase their knowledge and skills in addressing grief and trauma.
- o Fund additional staff to address grief/trauma issues.

#### • Overdose Prevention

- Train the existing behavioral health system to increase their skills in using and promoting harm reduction.
- Fund partners to promote and distribute harm reduction supplies.
- o Increase naloxone distribution to reduce fatal overdoses.

#### Public Awareness

 Fund a public awareness campaign to raise awareness of these issues and resources and distribute wellness information to the general public.

#### **Relevant Data**

- The Behavioral Health Committee surveyed Lake County service providers (mental health, substance use, domestic violence):
  - 89% said they had increased their use of telehealth due to COVID.
  - o 84% said they anticipate continuing to use telehealth to provide services over the next six months.
  - o On average, providers said 30% of their clients are unable to access telehealth.
  - The providers were asked to rank the reasons their consumers could not access telehealth services (in order):
    - 1. Knowledge of using the technology;
    - 2. Lack of compatible smart phone or computer;
    - 3-5. (tied) Lack of internet access, Lack of private space to conduct sessions, Lack of robust data plan.

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	<ul> <li>76% have seen an increase in Grief and Trauma issues in the past two months (the most common issue cited).</li> <li>83% anticipate an increase in grief and trauma issues in the next six months.</li> <li>89% anticipate an increase in the requests for services in the next six months.</li> <li>Lake Coroner data shows increase in suicides for 2020 at higher rate than previous thirteen years (projected to be 86; average is 62).</li> <li>2020 was already showing an increase in overdose deaths compared to the same months in 2019. June is potentially very high (multiple cases still need final determination).</li> <li>National data shows spikes in overdoses.</li> </ul>
Implementation Partners	<ul> <li>Mano a Mano</li> <li>Willow House</li> <li>Member churches of North Shore Ministers Alliance, possibly others</li> <li>University Center of Lake County</li> <li>Lake County Health Department</li> <li>Liv4Lali</li> <li>Live Well Lake County Stigma Action Team</li> <li>Potential for additional partners exists</li> </ul>
Budget Information	<ul> <li>\$1 million dollars to support 4 programs, including:</li> <li>Telehealth access points</li> <li>Grief and Trauma response</li> <li>Overdose prevention</li> <li>Public Awareness</li> </ul>
Funding model	Agencies will receive a start up grant and/or reimbursement

#### 8.G Program: Vulnerable Communities - Public Health Response

- 1. Community Prevention Support: Funding approved at \$1 million dollars
- 2. Essential Hygiene and Products: Funding Requested at \$1 million dollars





#### **8.G.1** Program: Vulnerable Communities – Community Prevention Support

Goal	Assure vulnerable Lake County community members have access to the resources and the information they need to stop the spread of COVID-19.
Objective	Support the Asociación Comunitaria Latina (ACL) and African American Community Partnership Group (AACPG) in leading COVID-19 prevention efforts among Lake County's Latino and African American communities.
Project Summary	The Asociación Comunitaria Latina (ACL) and African American Community Partnership Group (AACPG) were convened by the Lake County Health Department in mid-May to address the striking COVID-19 morbidity and mortality inequities affecting those communities. More than 50 organizations that directly serve the Latino and African American communities are represented on the ACL and AACPG, and both groups independently identified a need to support prevention and culturally relevant education and outreach efforts.  Prevention materials: Procuring, assembling, and distributing "safety kits" out to the community that include masks, hand sanitizer, and educational materials to approximately 70,000 community members.  Education/Outreach: developing/disseminating culturally relevant outreach materials through various media, including printed materials, community-based news media, and social media. Also includes funding for mini grants to local organizations to support outreach/education efforts such as health education events, case managers, and community health workers.
Relevant Data	<ul> <li>There are approximately 155,000 Latinos and 52,000 African American Lake County community members.</li> <li>Poverty rates among White, Black, and Latino community members are 8.8%, 29.2%, and 19.3% respectively. (American Community Survey Data).</li> <li>According to Lake County COVID-19 data, for every one White person who tests positive, four Black and eight Latino individuals test positive, and mortality rates are twice as high among communities of color than White communities.</li> <li>Communities of color disproportionately are affected by living conditions, work circumstances, and underlying health conditions that make it more likely for them to contract COVID-19 (and to have a more severe case) because they lack access to the resources and information they need to practice social distancing and maintain their health.</li> </ul>





# Implementation Partners

Advocate Aurora Advocate Condell

Catholic Charities - Community Center

Chicago Area Peace Corp

Chicago Workers Collaborative

Coalicion Latinos Unidos De Lake County

Coalition to Reduce Recidivism

College of Lake County

**COOL** Learning

**HACES** 

Lake County Community Action

Partnership

Lake County Health Department
Lake County Sheriff's Department

Mano a Mano

Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Puerto Rican Society Round Lake Public Library States Attorney's Office Sign of the Dove Church

**University Center** 

Waukegan Housing Authority Waukegan Park District Waukegan Public Library

YWCA Lake County

Local fraternities and sororities

#### Budget Information

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Item	Amount	Cost Per	Price Total
	Needed	Item	
Prevention Materials (sourced	Prevention Materials (sourced from https://www.ipromo.com/promo-		
products/741/Health-Products.	<u>html</u> )		
Masks Washable (2pp)	150,000	\$ 2.50	\$375,000
		each	
Masks Disposable (10 per	500,000	\$ 0.45	\$225,000
familyx50,000 family kits)		each	
Hand Sanitizer (8 oz) for	70,000	\$ 2.00	\$140,000
individual carry			
Bag/box costs	70,000	\$ 0.26	\$18,000
Total			\$758,000
Education/Outreach/Program Delivery			
Total			\$242,000
Total			\$1,000,000





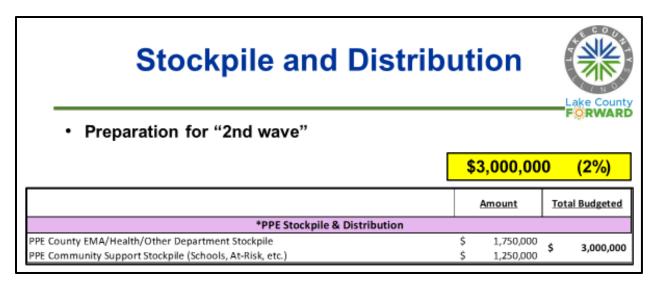
# 8.G.2 Program: Vulnerable Communities – Essential Hygiene Products

Goal	Ensure residents of Lake County impacted by COVID have access	
	to essential Hygiene and Products (such as toilet paper, cleaning products,	
	baby supplies, personal care products, etc).	
Objective	Support efforts in procuring and distributing essential goods to Lake	
	County residents impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.	
Project Summary	As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, thousands of Lake County residents have lost their incomes, and can no longer afford the food and essential goods they need to care for their families. While food resources have	
	increased over the past few months, many families continue to struggle with obtaining the other essential goods needed to keep their families and homes safe and sterile. These products are not commonly included at food pantry distributions and include items such as: cleaning products (including bleach and surface sprays), hand/dish soap, menstrual products, incontinence products, diapers/wipes, over the counter medicines.	
Relevant Data	<ul> <li>Data from IDES indicates that 51,719 Lake County residents filed for unemployment between March 1 and May 31.</li> <li>Lake County's unemployment rate in May 2019 was 3.3%, and in May 2020 was 12.9%. Many of the jobs lost are concentrated in the food service and hospitality sectors, disproportionately impacting individuals that already had little/no safety net.</li> <li>Unemployment rates in middle class cities like Mundelein jumped from 3.7% in March 2020 to 15.7% in April 2020, indicating that many families are facing new financial insecurity.</li> <li>Private and governmental relief aid has concentrated overwhelmingly on addressing food, housing/utilities, health, and business needs, leaving little to no resources for these other essential goods.</li> </ul>	
Implementation	Northern Illinois Food Bank	
Partners	Local community/social service organizations	
Budget Information	\$1 million dollars	





#### 9. Category: PPE Stockpile and Distribution



#### **Program List**

- A. PPE County EMA / Health Dept. / Other Department Stockpile
- B. PPE Community Support Stockpile (Schools, At-Risk, etc.)

#### 9.A-B Program: PPE Stockpile and Distribution

Goal	Having an adequate supply of PPE ensures that high risk organizations are prepared, which can help reduce infection rates for COVID-19. The supply also helps support organizations in need that were not able to get supplies when the pandemic began, as well as ensure that Lake County Government has the needed supplies to operate safely.	
Objective	Have in stock a 60-day supply of PPE for high risk sectors, as well as an additional cache of supplies available for community support as needed.	
Project Summary	<ul> <li>Lake County Emergency Management Agency (LCEMA) will continue to obtain items through IEMA and FEMA through State procurement and the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). LCEMA will also continue to receive donated PPE from local organizations.</li> <li>Lake County Government will create a procurement team and will purchase items that the State has not provided, or provided in limited quantity, to obtain a 60-day supply of items and an additional cache of extra supplies.</li> <li>Lake County Government will plan to rent a warehouse space to store the large quantities of items needed for an adequate supply.</li> </ul>	



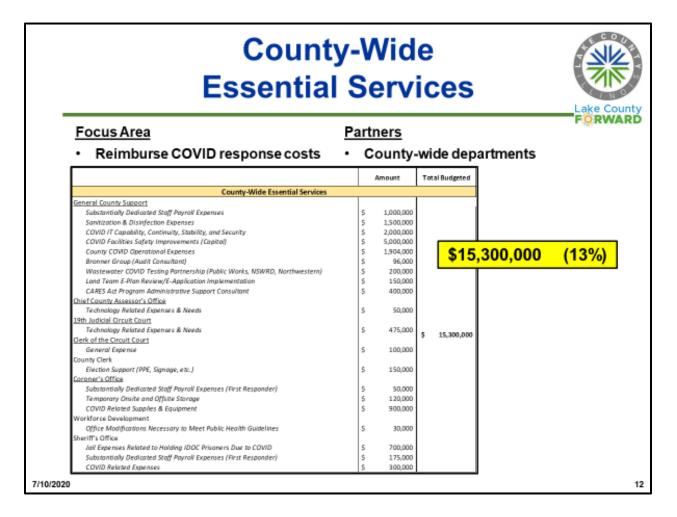


Relevant Data	<ul> <li>60-day supplies are based on pre-established tiers based on risk and amounts are determined by supplies requested and supplied to organizations during the pandemic.</li> <li>To date, 177 orders totally almost 4 million items have been requested to the State. Of that, 1.5 million items have been received. 2.4 million items have been ordered that are pending.</li> <li>LCEMA has received over 338,000 donated PPE from various organizations within the community.</li> <li>Certain PPE items have been easier to obtain from the State. Other orders have not been fulfilled or in limited quantities. For example, LCEMA has only received .3% of all disinfectant wipes that were ordered.</li> </ul>
Implementation Partners	<ul> <li>Lake County Administrator's Office</li> <li>Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center</li> <li>Lake County Emergency Management Agency</li> <li>Lake County Division of Transportation</li> <li>Lake County Finance and Administrative Services</li> <li>Lake County Human Resources Department</li> <li>Lake County Facilities and Construction Services</li> </ul>
Budget Information	\$3 million has been allocated for the project and can include the following costs  • PPE procurement  • Warehouse storage  • Inventory software (if needed)
Funding model	Internal procurement through Lake County Government





#### 10. Category: County-Wide Essential Services



#### **Program List** (\$2 Million Previously Approved and Allocated)

- A. Chief County Assessor's Office
- B. 19th Judicial Circuit Court
- C. Clerk of the Circuit Court
- D. County Clerk
- E. Coroner's Office
- F. Workforce Development
- G. Sheriff's Office
- H. General County-wide Support





# **10.A-H** Program: County-Wide Essential Services

Goal	Recognizing the important and unique role that governments play, the				
	CARES Act included funding to help offset the costs of local government				
	response to the coronavirus pandemic.				
Objective	Reimburse Lake County for its unbudgeted, COVID-19-related expenses that				
	meet specific criteria established by the U.S. Department of Treasury that				
	occur between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020.				
Project Summary	Lake County's operations have been greatly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic as many departments and agencies serve public health and				
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	public safety functions and perform other essential services. The				
	following types of County-wide expenses are reimbursable under CARES Act funding:				
	Some personnel have been unable to perform their normally assigned				
	duties because they have become substantially dedicated on either a				
	partial or full-time basis to COVID-19-related activities.				
	Safe performance required purchase of protective equipment, cleaning				
	supplies, and other materials.				
	Several facilities were closed due to the pandemic and not all staff				
	were able to work remotely from home.				
	<ul> <li>COVID-19 has heightened public health awareness and necessitated</li> </ul>				
	certain protections to make our government facilities safe.				
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	COVID-19 and over time as departments/agencies found new ways to				
	do business.				
Relevant Data	Specific allocations are recommended for specialized needs in the Chief				
	County Assessor's Office, the 19 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court, Clerk of the				
	Circuit Court, County Clerk, Coroner's Office, Workforce Development,				
	and the Sheriff's Office				
	An additional allocation is included for General County Support, to				
	include sanitation and disinfection, COVID-related payroll expenses, IT				
	and audio-visual expenses, COVID-related capital improvements,				
	wastewater testing, and COVID-related professional services.				
Implementation	Lake County Administrator's Office				
Partners	Lake County Finance and Administrative Services				
	All Lake County Departments and Agencies				
	CARES Act consultant to Lake County				
Budget Information	Funding is currently under consideration as follows:				
	Chief County Assessor's Office \$50,000				
	19 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court \$475,000				
	Clerk of the Circuit Court \$100,000				
	County Clerk \$150,000				
	Coroner's Office \$1,070,000				
	Workforce Development \$30,000				
	Sheriff's Office \$1,175,000				
	General County-wide Support \$12,250,000				





Funding model	Reimbursement requests will be prepared with the assistance of the
	Departments who incur the expenses by Finance, will be reviewed by our
	consultant and County Administration, and reimbursed internally by Lake
	County.





# 11. Category: Contingency / Reserve (Unallocated)

# **Contingency / Reserve**



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- · Unforeseen expenses
- · Preparation for "2nd wave"
- Ensure reserve funds expended by end of CY2020

\$16,539,986	(14%)
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		Amount	Total Budgeted			
Contingency / Reserve (Unallocated)						
Contingency / Reserve	\$	16,539,986				





#### Appendix A. COVID-Related Capital (Facilities) Priority List

<u>Note:</u> This list contains projects (in priority order) currently identified as meeting the intent of the CARES Act. Proper review and justification will be performed on these projects, as well as, any new requirements that occur in the County's response to the pandemic. Presence on this list does not constitute final approval for use of CARES Act funds or as approval to execute. CARES Act guidance and Lake County procurement policies and procedures will be strictly adhered to prior to final project execution.

Priority	Project Amount	% Complete by EOY	Location	Title	Description
1	\$200,000	100%	Coroner's Office, Waukegan	Fencing and All- Season Awning for Exterior COVID Response	COVID-19 Response operations will continue through the fall and winter. Current fencing and tent structure are temporary and not capable of withstanding the winter weather. Project will construct a more sustainable fence to improve movement of Coroner operations and provide a semi-permanent awning structure to allow for exterior COVID case reviews as these are not permitted inside of the Coroner's office.
2	\$100,000	100%	Coroner's Building, Waukegan	Electrical and Building Upgrades to Support new X- Ray	In direct response to COVID-19, the Coroner's Office procured modernized exam equipment (x-ray) to perform speedy and accurate data. Facilities upgrades are necessary to support this equipment, to include increased size of electrical services and some minor renovation to the interior spaces. Facilities has assessed the building and cannot support the installation of the Coroner's equipment without these facilities improvements.
3	\$65,000	100%	Courts Tower, Waukegan	Escalator UV Handrail Sanitizer Installation	Current escalators do not have the ability to be disinfected without the manual application of chemicals. The UV attachments will continuously disinfect these handrails and limit the contact spread of infectious diseases such as COVID-19.
4	\$250,000	100%	Health Dept, Waukegan	Midlakes Clinic and 3002 Grand HVAC Replacement and Improvement	The Facilities engineering team performed an assessment of the HVAC equipment and found the units were beyond their useful life, they had minimal capacity to increase fresh air intake while maintaining conditioned interior spaces, and could not support upgraded air filtrations systems to limit infectious diseases. New equipment would be designed to maximize efficiency, air filtration, and outside air exchange.





Priority	Project Amount	% Complete by EOY	Location	Title	Description
5	\$200,000	80%	Health Dept, Waukegan	Belvidere Medical Building HVAC Improvement and Fan Coil Replacement	The Facilities engineering team performed an assessment of the HVAC equipment and found the units were beyond their useful life, they had minimal capacity to increase fresh air intake while maintaining conditioned interior spaces, and could not support upgraded air filtrations systems to limit infectious diseases. New equipment would be designed to maximize efficiency, air filtration, and outside air exchange.
6	\$250,000	100%	Health Dept, North Chicago	North Chicago Health Center, HVAC Improvement	The Facilities engineering team performed an assessment of the HVAC equipment and found the units were beyond their useful life, they had minimal capacity to increase fresh air intake while maintaining conditioned interior spaces, and could not support upgraded air filtrations systems to limit infectious diseases. New equipment would be designed to maximize efficiency, air filtration, and outside air exchange.
7	\$250,000	100%	Health Dept, Highland Park	North Shore Health Center, Highland Park, HVAC Improvement	The Facilities engineering team performed an assessment of the HVAC equipment and found the units were beyond their useful life, they had minimal capacity to increase fresh air intake while maintaining conditioned interior spaces, and could not support upgraded air filtrations systems to limit infectious diseases. New equipment would be designed to maximize efficiency, air filtration, and outside air exchange.
8	\$550,000	100%	Admin Tower and Courts Annex, Waukegan	HVAC DDC Controls and VAV Box Upgrades and Repairs	Direct Digital Controls will replace antiquate pneumatic controls beyond their useful life. These controls will improve control of air handling equipment in the Courts Annex and Admin Tower 10th Floor, and will improve efficiency and air quality for County employees as they serve the public
9	\$500,000	80%	Health Dept, Vernon Hills	Women's Residential Services HVAC and Boiler Replacement	The Facilities engineering team performed an assessment of the HVAC equipment and found the units were beyond their useful life, they had minimal capacity to increase fresh air intake while maintaining conditioned interior spaces, and could not support upgraded air filtrations systems to limit infectious diseases. New equipment would be designed to maximize efficiency, air filtration, and outside air exchange.





Priority	Project Amount	% Complete by EOY	Location	Title	Description
10	\$400,000	100%	Admin Tower, Waukegan	North MAG Reconfiguration, Social Distancing Improvements	Project will reconfigure the security entrance and exit at the north entrance, to include moving the magnetometers (MAGS) and x-ray machines, installation of permanent glass security panels, and the reconfiguration of the exit to provide additional interior space for personnel queuing while entering the building.
11	\$850,000	50%	Admin Tower, Waukegan	North Entrance Exterior and HVAC Improvements	Project will expand and reconfigure the entrance/exit at the north entrance, to include extending the exterior walls, installation of revolving doors to improve temperature and air control, and replacement of the HVAC roof top units, duct work and control systems to improve the air quality and conditioning of the interior spaces. Equipment is at the end of its useful life and needs replacement. Improved air quality and control will reduce stagnant air and reduce potential exposure of the public and staff to communicable and infectious diseases. In addition, increases interior area will expand the queueing available for the security check-point.
12	\$150,000	100%	Health Dept, Waukegan	3002 Grand Interior Improvements	Project will provide improved interior finishes to allow more effective and efficient cleaning to the recommended CDC standards. Improvements will allow for more effective medical care to Health Department patients.
13	\$300,000	100%	Babcox Justice Center, Waukegan	Jail Domestic Water Heaters	The Facilities engineering team performed an assessment of the hot water heaters and determined the equipment is at the end of its useful life. Heaters will be replaced with new equipment that is more efficient and effective. Project is necessary to provide continuous domestic hot water for inmate hygiene in this congregant facility.
14	\$150,000	100%	Misc	Contracted Project Management	The Facilities and Construction Services department will require additional personnel to execute the County's current construction and maintenance workload, as well as, the additional COVID-19 related projects in the short timeframe necessary under the CARES Act
15	\$200,000	100%	Division of Transportation, Libertyville	Central repository of PPE building needing upgrade with access card	Division of Transportation facilities are being used for PPE and COVID-19 response materials. Buildings are being used as storage and distribution centers for COVID-19 response actions across the County. This project will make improvements to the security





Priority	Project Amount	% Complete by EOY	Location	Title	Description
				control and Burglary alarm system	systems to ensure the multiple buildings on the DOT Campus are secure and capable of properly staging and distribution this essential COVID-19 related materials (personal protective equipment, disinfectant, etc.) for local services and municipalities.
16	\$125,000	100%	19th District Courts, Waukegan	Courtroom T-110, Renovate to Accommodate Jury Trials	The 19th Judicial Circuit Court requires the ability to hold jury trials to maintain an individual's constitutional due process rights and the right to confront their accusers. The possibility of holding jury trials will also help expedite the processing of cases through the criminal court system and reduce some of the jail population for those that have remained in custody while their jury trial had to be continued. Due to the social distancing requirements needed to protect judges, court employees and the public during the COVID-19 crisis, the Courts only allowed into the courtrooms just those necessary for emergency hearings. Because of the numerous people that are required to select and hold a jury trial, all such trials were suspended. However, because of the aforementioned due process and case processing concerns, the courts must find ways in which to resume jury trials, but still protect all of those that will be involved. The majority of courtrooms in the 19th Circuit have adequate space to hold jury trials during normal times, but during this crisis, alternatives and creativity are required to make these trials safe and successful. Courtroom T-110 in the new Courts Tower, up to this point and while renovations to courtrooms at the Babcox Center are being completed, has been used as the daily Bond Court due to its proximity to the jail. Now that renovations to the Babcox Justice Center are nearly complete, T-110 can be reverted to its original use as a larger criminal jury trial courtroom. When adapting T-110 for Bond Court, temporary measures were put in place (e.g. full wall with glass barriers to separate the public from the court participants). However, since Courtroom t-110 offers larger courtroom space than all other existing courtrooms, and to better accommodate social distancing of participants during the COVID crisis, the temporary measures must now be removed. If this courtroom does not return to its original design sooner rather than later, the 19th Circuit Court will be further hindered from





Priority	Project Amount	% Complete by EOY	Location	Title	Description
					resuming jury trials and most likely have to find alternative locations, such as modifying courtrooms at the Branch Court buildings or larger non-court facilities, incurring additional safety, security, and facilities costs to modify and operate.
17	\$250,000	100%	Courts Tower, Waukegan	Elevator Modernization, Destination Controls	Project will reprogram and upgrade the Court Tower elevator controls with destination controls, which will provide up to 30% more traffic-handling capacity and 25% less elevator travel time than traditional elevator dispatching. This will reduce congregation and travel time in the elevator cabs, thus decreasing the potential exposure of the public and staff to communicable and infectious diseases including COVID-19.
18	\$700,000	40%	Waukegan Lake County Complex	Wayfinding Signs	Project is necessary to provide the public clear guidance for movement in and around the Waukegan Lake County Campus. Part-time positions assisting the public have been eliminated and current staffing does not support liaisons to assist the public as they move to their ultimate location. Additionally, improvements will reduce the consistent close interaction of public and other County staff members which will reduce potential exposure of the public and staff to communicable and infectious diseases including COVID.
Total:	\$5,490,000	\$4,505,000			





#### **Appendix B. Overview of Lake County Relief & Recovery Effort**

**PURPOSE:** Organize, plan, and execute Lake County COVID-19 relief and recovery operations.

#### **CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS:**

The Lake County Board Special Committee on COVID-19 Recovery will provide guidance and oversight to County Administration to ensure efficient and appropriate use of the various federal COVID response funds provided to Lake County. County Administration will organize and resource task forces to achieve defined outcomes. Recovery and relief planning will require the "whole of government," so task force leads are authorized to request support from any / all Lake County departments to support task force responsibilities. Planning efforts will incorporate Lake County Health Department guidance as well as Governor Pritzker's "Restore Illinois" plan. A Strategic Advisory Group will be established by the Lake County Board Chair to provide input to Lake County Government on recovery and relief efforts.

#### **ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

<u>Strategic Advisory Group on COVID-19 Recovery and Relief:</u> A non-partisan, public-private advisory group that will inform Lake County Government through the Lake County Board Chair on strategic needs, requirements, options, and recommendations for recovery and relief from the COVID-19 crisis. Members will be invited by the Lake County Board Chair to participate.

<u>Lake County Board Special Committee on COVID-19 Recovery</u>: Approved by the County Board and reports to the Financial and Administrative Committee with the following purpose:

- Provide policy guidance and strategic priorities to County Administration for the planning and execution of the various federal COVID response funds provided to Lake County (CARES Act Funds, etc).
- Recommend a budget to the County Board for the federal COVID response funds provided to Lake County ensuring all appropriations are in accordance with federal regulations.
- Provide oversight to ensure compliance with policy and guidance for all expenditures of federal COVID response funds provided to Lake County.

<u>County Administrator</u>: Oversees comprehensive staff recovery and relief planning and the execution of approved recovery and relief plans and budgets.

Recovery and Relief Coordination Committee: Reports to the County Administrator and comprised of the Deputy County Administrator, Emergency Operations Center Director, Lake County Health Department (LCHD) representative, and task force leads. The Joint Information Center (JIC) and State's Attorney's Office (SAO) will directly support the Recovery and Relief Coordination Committee. Based on guidance from the Special Committee on COVID-19 Recovery, the Recovery and Relief Coordination Committee will:

- Define task force goals and objectives, review individual task force plans, assess progress, and recommend adjustments.
- Ensure comprehensive and coordinated planning and execution.
- Recommend changes to task forces members (as required).
- Provide updates and recommendations to the Lake County Board Special Committee on COVID-19 Recovery.

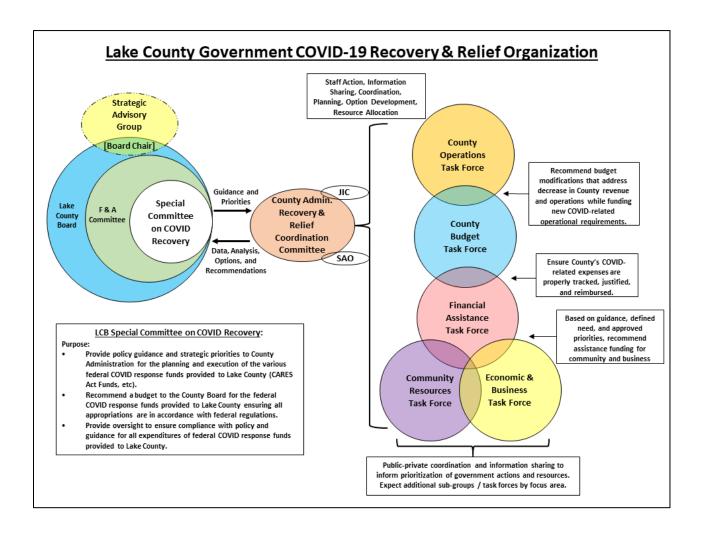




<u>Task Forces</u>: Five task forces will report to the County Administrator through the Recovery and Relief Coordination Committee. Task forces will collaborate and share updates to maximize impact.

- <u>County Operations Task Force</u>:
  - o *Purpose*: Plan for increasing on-site staff and opening to the public.
- Budget Impact Task Force
  - Purpose: Plan and implement FY20 budget modifications in response to decreasing revenues and operational changes resulting from COVID-19.
- <u>Financial Assistance Task Force</u>
  - Purpose: Maximize execution of federal and State funding to aide COVID-19 recovery and relief based on Lake County Board priorities and guidance.
- Community Resources Task Force
  - Purpose: Coordinate support to underserved and vulnerable communities during COVID-19 recovery in accordance with Lake County Board priorities and guidance.
- Economic and Business Task Force

*Purpose:* Coordinate information sharing between existing business-focused agencies and organizations to inform and prioritize government resources for recovery







#### **Appendix C: Planning Guidance for Staff**

The Special Committee on COVID-19 Recovery provided the following guidance to County Administration for planning and execution of CARES Act funding.

- CARES Act funds are not the County's money
- Must solicit input from Board Members, stakeholders, and the community
- Must be ready for an audit prepare now
- Leverage existing relationships, organizations, and expertise to expedite assistance
- Move quickly and flexibly
- Apply equity and vulnerability lenses
- Allocate one-time uses that avoid ongoing obligations for the County within the budget and guidance set by the Board
- Use existing processes where possible to expedite deployment and avoid duplicated administrative burden
- Use of funding will be reported on and documented per internal controls established by County (with support of a financial/audit consultant)
- Full transparency shall be provided on determination of, use of, and application of all funding
- Strict reporting and accounting is required for every program and partner receiving funds
- Agreements must define expectations and "clawback"