



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Resolution approving the Lake County CARES Act Plan and authorizing an emergency appropriation of \$75,000,000 of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funds to be distributed across approved CARES Act categories to support Lake County residents, communities, taxing districts, businesses, and county-wide services in direct response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

- The CARES Act was passed by Congress and signed into law on March 27, 2020. On April 23, 2020, Lake County received \$121,539,986.20.
- Funds are required to be used for expenses that: (1) are necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); (2) were not accounted for in Lake County's approved Fiscal Year 2020 budget; and (3) were incurred during the period March 1, 2020 to December 30, 2020.
- On Thursday, July 9, 2020, the Financial and Administrative Committee reviewed the CARES Act funding plan with needs-based CAERS Act categories as well as the proposed budget allocations.
- An emergency appropriation of \$75,000,000 (in addition to the \$30,000,000 already appropriated) is recommended by staff to be distributed in the following CARES Act categories: (1) Resident Support and Assistance, (2) Business and Economic Assistance, (3) Public Health Support and Assistance, (4) Municipal and Local Essential Services, (5) County-wide Essential Services, (6) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Stockpile and Distribution. The remaining funds are unallocated contingency / reserve.
- County purchasing requirements will be followed for program execution and consultant guidance will be requested where necessary to ensure compliance.
- Authority to spend appropriated funds within CARES Act categories and execute any and all agreements with partners related to the allocation and distribution of CARES Act funds is delegated to the County Administrator or their designee(s).
- The CARES Act budget allocations may be amended with line item transfers between CARES Act categories as approved by the County Board.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the CARES Act was passed by Congress and signed into law on March 27, 2020. Lake County's population over 500,000 resulted in the ability to directly apply for funding. On April 23, 2020, Lake County received \$121,539,986.20; and

WHEREAS, these funds are required to be used to cover expenses that: (1) are necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); (2) were not accounted for in Lake County's approved Fiscal Year 2020 budget; and (3) were incurred during the period March 1, 2020 - December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, an emergency appropriation is necessary to make the funding available for the purposes designated by the F&A Special Committee on COVID-19 Recovery; and

WHEREAS, Lake County has needs for Coronavirus relief funds in its continued response to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, an additional allocation of \$75,000,000, distributed based on need, will support Lake County communities, taxing districts, businesses, and allow Lake County to maintain its county-wide services; and

WHEREAS, a distribution of \$11,000,000 shall be for Resident Support and Assistance purposes, \$10,000,000 shall be for Business and Economic Assistance purposes, \$12,700,000 shall be for Public Health Support and Assistance purposes, \$25,000,000 shall be for Municipal and Local Essential Services, \$13,300,000 shall be for County-wide Essential services, and \$3,000,000 shall be for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Stockpile and Distribution purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the plan attached to this Resolution is approved and shall be executed by the County Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$75,000,000 distributed in the Fund 745 CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund budget is hereby authorized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that both a revenue and expense budget for the administrative execution of the programs designated as indicated in the plan attached to this Resolution be established; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authority to spend funds in accordance with the distribution budget and execute any and all agreements related to the allocation and distribution of funds within a CARES Act category is hereby delegated to the County Administrator or their designee(s); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator may authorize line item transfers between expense types within the same CARES Act category because the exact nature of the reimbursable expenses is unknown upon appropriation.

DATED, at Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois on July 27, 2020.