

*Board of County Commissioners*

# CARES Act Update: Coronavirus Relief Fund



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**CARES Act**  
Becomes Law





# Background

- The CARES Act was enacted into law on March 27, 2020
- Created \$150 Billion Coronavirus Relief Fund for States, Localities, and Tribal Governments
- Local governments serving a population of at least 500,000 can elect to receive direct funding
  - 12 Counties in Florida received direct payments
- 55 Counties in Florida must request funding through State
- Orange County received \$243.1 million on April 22, 2020
- Treasury guidance has been coming out periodically



# Background

- **Use of Funds**

- Necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- Not accounted for in the current budget
- Incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020
  - Unused funding must be returned after December 30, 2020

- **Funding cannot be used to replace lost revenue**

# Background

- **Local Government Expenses to Respond to COVID-19**
  - Expenses for acquisition and distribution of medical and protective supplies, such as masks, gloves, hand sanitizers, etc...
  - Disinfection of public areas and facilities
  - Expenses for maintaining county jails as it relates to sanitation and social distancing
  - Expenses for quarantining individuals





# Background

- **Local Government Expenses to Respond to COVID-19 (continued)**
  - Telework Costs
  - Paid COVID-19 Sick & Family Medical Leave to Public Employees
  - Payroll for those substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19
  - Costs of providing COVID-19 testing
  - Expenses for establishing temporary public medical facilities and other measures to increase COVID-19 treatment capacity
  - May use, but not required, to assist with other units of governments within the county



# Background

- **Local Government Expenses to Respond to COVID-19 (continued)**
  - Grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption cause by required closures
  - Emergency financial assistance to individuals and families directly impacted by a loss of income due to COVID-19
  - Expenses for food including distribution and/or delivery to residents including senior citizens and other vulnerable populations
  - Expenses for care for homeless populations provided to mitigate COVID-19 effects and enable compliance with COVID-19



# Coronavirus Relief Fund Distribution Categories

- **Small Business Financial Assistance**
- **Social Services & Community Needs**
- **Orange County Public Safety and Health Expenditures**
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# Small Business Financial Assistance - \$72.9 Million

## Small Business Assistance Sub-Committee



Eric Ushkowitz  
Andrea Wesser  
Sheena Ferguson



Assistance for  
Small Businesses



# **Small Business Financial Assistance - \$72.9 Million**

## **■ Small Business Grants**

- Emergency relief funds to support the small brick and mortar businesses with 25 employees and under**
- In discussions with Orlando Economic Partnership, Black Business Investment Fund, Prospera, Hispanic Chamber, National Entrepreneur Center, Central Florida Foundation, City of Orlando and other potential partners**
- The program will offer one-time \$10,000 grants to qualifying small businesses to cover normal business expenses, such as employee wages, vendor bills and rent to help offset the significant temporary loss of revenue to qualified small businesses**
- Anticipate to provide grants for up to 6,500 small businesses that will comply with the safety guidelines proposed by the Mayor's task force**



# Small Business Financial Assistance - \$72.9 Million

## ■ Eligibility Criteria

- In business by January 1, 2020
- Have a business license in Orange County
- A brick and mortar business
- Demonstrate ongoing business operations at time of OC Mayor stay at home Executive Order
- Must have no more than 25 employees
- Business taxes are paid up to date
- Expected to stay in business through December 31, 2020
- Commit to following recommended COVID-19 safety guidelines





# Small Business Financial Assistance - \$72.9 Million

## ■ Not Eligible

- Not physically located and operated in Orange County
- Received federal funds for COVID-19 (PPP)
- Home-based business
- Non-profit corporations
- Publicly traded companies
- Code Enforcement liens
- Current findings of financial mismanagement or felony conviction





# Small Business Financial Assistance - \$72.9 Million

## Small Business Grants Process

Submit Application Using Digital Online Portal (Initial Application Period 5 days)

Business Location, Business Status (FL Dept. of Corporation), Employee Count, Business Income and Expenses, Vendor W-9 and Signed and Attest that all Information is Truthful

Online Application Information Received by Orange County Economic Development Office and Distribute to Partner Agencies

Orange County Partners Review Application Submitted to Confirm Eligibility and Submit to Orange County Economic Development Office

Internal Team to Provide Final Review and Oversight

Comptroller's Office for Processing of Payment

Partners to Follow-up with Businesses and Provide Financial Status Reports



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# **Social Services and Community Needs - \$72.9 Million**

## **Social Services and Community Needs Sub-Committee**



**Dianne Arnold  
Yolanda Brown  
Mitchell Glasser  
Donna Wyche**





# **Social Services and Community Needs - \$72.9 Million**

## **Two Sub Categories**

### **1. Individual and Family Assistance Program - \$36.5 Million**

- Orange County to provide one-time financial assistance for affected residents to help bridge financial gaps for overdue rent, mortgage payments, medical bills, and utilities.
- Eligible individual and family struggling due to loss of income would receive \$1,000 per household.

### **2. Direct Assistance to Social Services Agencies - \$36.5 Million**

- Assistance for community child care operations, job retraining, homelessness, mental health services, food pantries, and other social services impacted by COVID-19



# Social Services and Community Needs - \$72.9 Million

## Individual and Family Assistance Program - \$36.5 Million

### ■ Eligibility Criteria

- Orange County Resident
- US Citizenship / Legal Permanent Resident
- Demonstrate loss of income as a direct result of COVID-19
  - Layoff or furlough notice
  - Proof of reduction in hours





# Social Services and Community Needs - \$72.9 Million

## Individual and Family Assistance Program Process - \$36.5 Million

Submit Application Using Digital Online Portal (1,000 a week)

Application Information - Orange County Resident, US Citizenship / Legal Permanent Resident, Layoff notice, furlough notice, proof of reduction in work hours, other necessary information

Online Application Information Received by Orange County Community and Family Services Office

Orange County Community and Family Services Review Information Submitted

Community and Family Services Process Payments to Landlords, Mortgage Companies, Medical Providers, and Utility Companies



# Social Services and Community Needs - \$72.9 Million

## Direct Assistance to Social Services Agencies - \$36.5 Million

–In discussions with non-profit community agencies to meet additional social service and community needs:

- Childcare
- Job Retraining
- Homelessness
- Mental Health
- Food Pantry

Protecting Your  
Mental Health  
During the  
Coronavirus  
Outbreak





## **Social Services and Community Needs - \$72.9 Million**

### **Direct Assistance to Social Services Agencies - \$36.5 Million**

#### **▪ Childcare**

- Social distancing is impacting capacity for daycares**
- May need temporary dividers to allow additional groups of children in larger rooms**
- Startup funding and accelerated licensing to allow teachers with appropriate current credentials and background clearance to open family childcare businesses to serve young children**
- Access to timely, affordable, and consistently available sanitation items, paper products and PPE**
- Working with community partners to assist**



# **Social Services and Community Needs - \$72.9 Million**

## **Direct Assistance to Social Services Agencies - \$36.5 Million**

### **▪ Job Retraining Program**

- In discussions with CareerSource Central Florida**
- Direct placement opportunities for severely impacted job seekers**
- Partner with education providers to increase the availability for short term, industry recognized training opportunities.**
- Provide adversely impacted career seekers “workforce support resources” to ensure continued training and employment without interruption**



# **Social Services and Community Needs - \$72.9 Million**

## **Direct Assistance to Social Services Agencies - \$36.5 Million**

### **▪ Homelessness**

- Rapid re-housing for families – expanding current program**
- Expand prevention/diversion to include motel/hotel residents**
- Supportive services for families and individuals— personal protective equipment, food supports, employment training/assistance, portable sanitation stations, and increased outreach**
- Coordinated entry system – HUB expansion and staffing**
- Staffing for drop in center – Samaritan Resource Center**
- Technology needs**



## **Social Services and Community Needs - \$72.9 Million**

### **Direct Assistance to Social Services Agencies - \$36.5 Million**

#### **■ Mental Health**

- Expansion of crisis services, outreach, mobile crisis services**
- Expand capacity of inpatient care, mental health, and substance use**
- Increased staffing capacity for crisis intervention**
- Extend current children's mental health projects**
- Develop a behavioral health and substance use web navigation system**
- Assist pro bono agencies in connecting to their services**



# Social Services and Community Needs - \$72.9 Million

## Direct Assistance to Social Services Agencies - \$36.5 Million

### ▪ Food Pantry Distribution and Delivery

- Working with various food providers to ensure food supply and distribution needs are being met
- Engaging with local food banks for meal delivery





# Coronavirus Relief Fund Distribution Categories

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# **Orange County Public Safety and Health Expenditures - \$48.6 Million**

## **Public Safety and Health Expenditures Sub-Committee**

**Ricardo Daye**

**Paul Dumont**

**John Goodrich**

**Andrea Lowery**

**Alex Morales**

**Reed Knowlton**

**Ray Walls**

**John Westmoreland**



# Orange County Public Safety and Health Expenditures - \$48.6 Million

- This funding will be used to pay public safety and health expenditures for Orange County to include items such as:
  - Sanitizing agents
  - Personal protective equipment
  - Thermometers
  - Other public safety and health equipment
- Already committed over \$10 million so far on public safety and health expenditures related to COVID-19
  - 3 million Face Masks
  - 870,000 travel-size (2-oz.) hand sanitizer bottles
  - Many other COVID-19 health expenditure items





# Orange County Public Safety and Health Expenditures - \$48.6 Million

- Other eligible expenditures under this category
  - Telecommuting technology costs
  - Paid COVID-19 sick & family medical leave to public employees
  - COVID-19 testing expenditures
  - Contact tracing
  - Facility sanitization needs
  - Facility modifications





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# **Municipality and Constitutional Officer Expenditures – \$24.3 Million**

## **Municipality and Constitutional Officers Sub-Committee**

**Fred Winterkamp  
Stephanie Taub**



## **Municipality and Constitutional Officer Expenditures – \$24.3 Million**

- **Funding allocated for municipality and constitutional officer expenditure needs that are not covered by BCC**
- **Funding for municipalities and constitutional offices must follow the same expenditure rules under the CARES Act-CRF**
- **Orange County to reimburse COVID-19 expenditures to municipalities and constitutional officers**



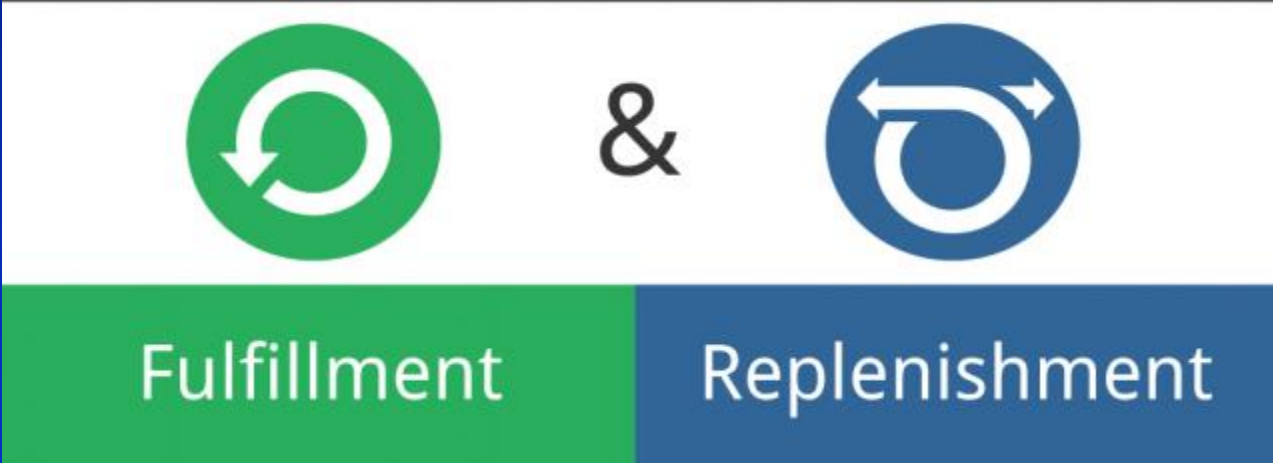
# **Municipality and Constitutional Officer Expenditures – \$24.3 Million**

## **Process of Reimbursement**

- Executed municipal and Constitutional Officer agreement
- Proof of payment document
- Description of expense
- Confirmation expense was outside of authorized budget
- Documentation of usage to address COVID-19

# Replenishment Account - \$24.5 Million

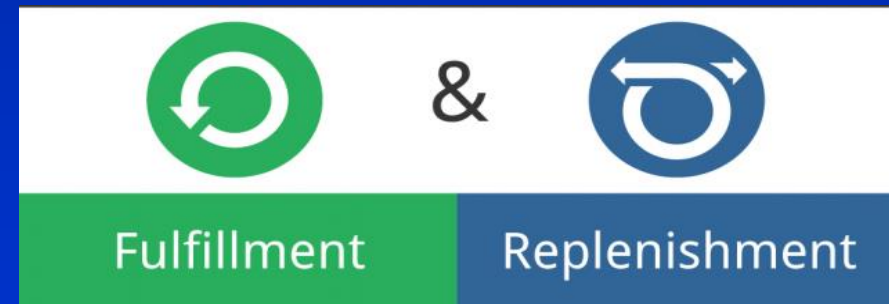
- Replenishment Account





## Replenishment Account - \$24.5 Million

1. Provide additional funding for the four categories discussed based on additional needs
2. Setting aside funds for any changes in Federal guidance that allow for new uses without impacting existing categories





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# Summary - COVID-19 Grants

COVID-19 Grants	Federal Agency	Grant Amount
Coronavirus Relief Fund	US Treasury	\$ 243,146,628
Medicare Fee for Services	Health and Human Services	\$ 349,654
Ryan White HIV/AIDS	Health and Human Services	\$ 398,820
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	Health and Human Services	\$ 1,151,207
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	Health and Human Services	\$ 1,452,023
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	Housing and Urban Development	\$ 4,147,196
Emergency Solution Grants (ESG)	Housing and Urban Development	\$ 2,024,224
Housing Opportunity For People with AIDS	Housing and Urban Development	\$ 628,559
Head Start – Supplemental (Applying)	Department of Homeland Security	\$ 445,440
Assistance to Firefighters Grant (Applying)	Department of Homeland Security	\$ 909,091
Emergency Management Program Grant	Department of Homeland Security	\$ 68,734
Justice Assistance Grant-Coronavirus Emergency	Department of Justice	\$ 1,157,721
Total		\$ 255,879,297



# Summary

## ■ Next Steps

- Working aggressively to establish small business financial assistance programs and social services programs
- Continue to purchase personal protective equipment and other public safety items for the community and organization
- Ongoing communication with municipalities and constitutional offices to reimburse their COVID-19 expenditures
- Anticipate to receive over \$255 million in grant funding for COVID-19
- Coronavirus Relief Funds of \$243.1 million must be expended by December 30, 2020.



# Actions Requested

- **Approval of Funding Categories for CARES Act – Coronavirus Relief Fund**
- **Approval of Budget Amendment #20-53 to include the CARES Act – Coronavirus Relief Funding of \$243.2 million in the Orange County FY 2020 Budget**

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