

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 2.4
(ID # 13017)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, July 07, 2020

FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC
SECURITY ACT (CARES ACT) MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2020. All Districts.
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RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. That the Board of Supervisors receive and file the CARES Act monthly report for July 2020.

ACTION:

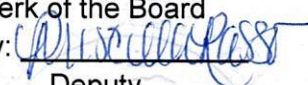

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: July 07, 2020
xc: EO

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	20/21

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: [CEO use]

BACKGROUND:

Summary

On May 19, 2020, the Board directed the Executive Office to provide monthly reports on CARES Act funding and funding and usage.

The County of Riverside is the recipient of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funding from the federal government to cover expenses necessary to respond to the ongoing public health and economic emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic. CARES Act funding criteria applied to local government entities with a population of 500,000 or greater according to United States Census data. The county is the tenth largest in the nation by population (2.4 million residents), and as such, received a direct allocation from the federal government in the amount of \$431,091,226.

Recent action by the state indicates the county will receive an additional \$56.2 million in CARES Act funding. As of this writing, if the county certifies certain criteria, the additional amount will be distributed to the county by the state in monthly amounts. Additionally, the Governor recently allocated \$500 million in state CARES Act allocation to cities. Those funds will be directly distributed to the cities from the state. Cities within the County of Riverside are allocated \$49.3 million in CARES Act funding. A listing of CARES Act funding directly allocated to the cities from the state are outlined in Attachment A. The county is not involved with the distribution of the funds to the cities, as the state will be directly allocating.

CARES Act funding cannot be used to backfill lost revenue. According to the Department of Treasury document, "Guidance for State, Local and Tribal Governments" it is only to be used for COVID-19 related response activities and costs as follows:

1. Necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
2. Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act); and,
3. Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

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Current CARES Act Administration Activities

The Executive Office was designated by the Board to be the administrator of the funds. Since the Board action of May 19, the following actions have been taken by the Executive Office:

- Launched the RIVCO CARES funding administration team to verify COVID-19 expenses eligibility and ensure full compliance with the CARES funding terms and conditions.
- Conducted a CARES Funding Eligibility and Reimbursement WebEx to explain the funding requirements to all county departments pertaining to the eligibility verification and reimbursement processes.
- Developed a funding maximization strategy that ensures the proper source of revenue are being used.
- Compiled disbursement requests including COVID-19 eligible and allowable labor and expenses.
- Coordinated the distribution of \$46.5M in CARES funding to Business and Community Services for the Business Assistance Program and \$30M to Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions for the Rental Relief Program.
- Formed CARES – COVID-19 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee to strategically evaluate the feasibility and implementation of COVID-19 related capital projects.
- Attends COVID-19 external funding webinars and summarizes compliance guidelines through external organizations, such as the U.S. Treasury Department, CSAC, NACo, and others.

CARES Act Categories

Five categories for CARES Act funding were created: Business Assistance Response and Recovery, Riverside County Government Response and Preparation, Congregate Care Facilities, Homelessness/Rental Assistance/Sheltering/Workforce Development, and Regional Hospital Response (now called Regional Health Care System Response). The Executive Office is working with county departments to refine and maximize CARES Act funding. Attachment B is the high- level infographic of the categories, and Attachment C is an estimated detailed list of expenses for CARES Act usage.

Business Assistance Response: On June 2, the Board created the COVID 19 - Small Business Assistance Grant program and allocated \$46.5 million of CARES Act funding, which is administered through the Business and Community Services department (formerly known as the Economic Development Agency). An additional \$3.5 million is in process. The grant program allocates up to \$10,000 for small businesses in the county to assist with economic impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At the close of round one, 1,611 applications were received, with 738 businesses receiving grants for a total amount of: \$7,380,000. A second call for applications with expanded eligibility was launched on June 29 and will be accepted until August 31st. Applications can be made through www.rivcobizhelp.org.

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Riverside County Government Response and Preparation: This category pertains to all county departments who have responded with COVID-19 activities, including the Emergency Operations Center activated for this emergency. This is the largest expense category for CARES Act funding as it reflects the county's majority role combatting COVID-19. Whether it's through the Great Plates program, Emergency Operations Center, or Public Health monitoring/response/compliance, the county is on the front line of this pandemic response. Expense examples may be medical (supplies, equipment, labor) within the hospital or county clinics, contact tracing, testing, temporary public medical facilities, related construction costs, telemedicine, construction costs for clinical/medical modifications, PPE, county employee time and labor reimbursement, disinfection, workplace modification, quarantine costs, meals and food delivery, and teleworking, to name a few.

The Executive Office has identified \$88 million in FY 19/20 reimbursable COVID-19 costs across all county departments. These may be for the Emergency Operations Center or other county departments. Capital projects for the medical center, consisting of the mobile lab, emergency room and rapid clinic care are in progress and are budgeted in total at \$9.7 million. Other capital projects for the Emergency Operations Center, the RUHS Behavioral Health Campus and workplace modifications for the District Attorney are being reviewed for feasibility. The estimated costs for these projects are \$46 million. The estimate for remaining FY 20/21 expenses have been revised to reflect for caseload backlog in the District Attorney and Public Defender's offices at \$12 million, and \$34 million estimated for contact tracers. FY 20/21 department costs are currently estimated to be \$166.5 million.

Total Estimated and Committed Expenses: \$310,210,665.00

Congregate Care Facilities: This category is for COVID-19 related expenses in skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, memory care, rehabilitation, jails and juvenile halls. As noted nationwide, congregate care facilities present particular challenges for populations in these settings, and as such, prevention planning and environmental measures are critical. Eligible expenses may be PPE, training, testing, disinfection, and quarantine and/or housing of specific individuals. RUHS-Public Health and the Emergency Management Department are currently developing a framework for SNF's and related facilities.

Total Estimated Expenses: \$100,000,000.00

Homelessness/Rental Assistance/Sheltering/Workforce Development: On June 2, the Board created the Rental assistance program in the amount of \$30 million of CARES Act funding for renters and landlords affected by economic impacts from COVID-19. Residents. The Rental Assistance Program is administered through the Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions Department (HHPWS). The first application period launched on June 15th and closed on June 25th.

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There were 3,854 applications received during this application period which are currently under review by the team at Lift to Rise and United Way of the Inland Valleys. It is anticipated that approximately \$5 million will be needed to cover the cost of rent arrears for the 2,593 families currently meeting eligibility. Checks will be issued to landlords in mid-July for approved applications. The remaining 1,261 families qualify for the assistance but managed to find temporary measures to pay the rent, however over 90% of them indicate that they do not expect to be able to pay rent for the coming month. Of the 3,854 applications received: 45% were from the eastern portion of the county and the pass area; 55% were from the west and southwest portions of the county; 49% report they are currently out of work due to the impacts of COVID-19; average unpaid rent balance is \$1,923; more than half are 2-3 months behind on rent; and 45% of households include a child age 0-5. The next application period will open July 15th and close July 25th. Applications can be made through www.unitedlift.org or by calling 2-1-1.

On June 9, the Board committed \$5 million in CARES Act funding specifically for the non-profit sector. HHPWS also administers this program in partnership with the Inland Empire Community Foundation. The application period opened July 1st and is scheduled to close July 30th. Small grants in the amount of \$10,000, \$5,000 or \$2,500 will be issued to qualified non-profits who are financially impacted by COVID-19. Checks will be issued to approved applicants in early August with the goal of serving over 425 local non-profits. Applications and additional information can be accessed online at www.iegives.org.

Additionally, the department is developing programming for the remaining amount in the areas of: shelters/ temporary non-congregate settings, operating Project Room Key through December, 2020, facilitation of distance learning for K-12 and community colleges, expansion of domestic violence and youth sheltering options, implementation of respite care program for homeless individuals exiting inpatient care, transitional sheltering support, implementation of resource navigators to assist low-income households, and conversion of job training programs to distance learning formats.

Total Estimated and Committed Expenses: \$55,000,000.00

Regional Health Care System Response (formerly Regional Hospital Response):

This category relates to reimbursement to our 16 regional hospitals for expenses incurred as a response to the pandemic, as well as preparation for future COVID-19 coordination with the county's Emergency Operations Center. Additionally, after consultation with RUHS-Public Health, funding needs to be allocated to the community health centers throughout the county, as they have been key partners working with the county to battle COVID-19. As a result, this category will be renamed to Regional Health Care System Response to include all the region's health care partners. The Executive Office will work RUHS-Public Health to refine estimates as engagement with health partners continue.

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The Executive Office, with the Emergency Management Department, is currently coordinating with the regional hospitals to explain the CARES funding eligibility criteria and compile eligible expenses supporting documentation for reimbursement purposes.

Total Estimated Expenses: \$34,000,000.00

Total Needs Exceed Funding Available

Based on current estimates from partners and county departments, the amount of estimated expenses, combined with existing commitments exceed the total CARES Act allocation. The Executive Office is working with departments and partners identified within the categories to refine estimates. Funding is critical to meet the continued demands associated with COVID-19. Committed and estimated expenses are outlined in Attachments B and C.

CARES Act Funding Received:	\$431,091,226
Estimated CARES Act Funding from CA:	<u>\$ 56,203,000</u> (not received yet)
Total CARES Act Revenue:	\$487,294,226

Less COVID-19 Estimated Impacts and Commitments:	<u>-\$549,210,665</u>
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Total Shortage: -\$ 61,916,439

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Use of CARES Act funding benefits the community by assisting regional hospitals, community health centers and congregate care facilities to care for those affected by COVID-19. Additionally, the Rental Assistance, Non-Profit and Small Business grants enable residents to stay in their home, small businesses to continue their operations and assists non-profits to fulfill their missions. CARES Act funding has been a critical component as the county continues essential services to residents in the areas of medical care, public health response, testing, PPE's, social services, public safety and general government services.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – CARES Act Cities Allocation from the State

Attachment B – CARES Act Summary

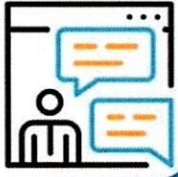
Attachment C – CARES Act Estimated Expenses

CARES Act Allocation to Riverside County Cities
(Whole dollars)

City	Population	Allocations
Banning	31,125	\$ 384,304
Beaumont	51,475	\$ 635,569
Blythe	19,255	\$ 237,744
Calimesa	9,329	\$ 115,186
Canyon Lake	11,000	\$ 135,818
Cathedral City	53,580	\$ 661,559
Coachella	47,186	\$ 582,612
Corona	168,248	\$ 2,077,380
Desert Hot Springs	29,660	\$ 366,216
Eastvale	66,413	\$ 820,010
Hemet	85,175	\$ 1,051,667
Indian Wells	5,403	\$ 66,712
Indio	90,751	\$ 1,120,515
Jurupa Valley	107,083	\$ 1,322,168
Lake Elsinore	63,453	\$ 783,463
La Quinta	40,660	\$ 502,034
Menifee	97,093	\$ 1,198,820
Moreno Valley	208,838	\$ 2,578,550
Murrieta	115,561	\$ 1,426,847
Norco	27,564	\$ 340,336
Palm Desert	52,986	\$ 654,225
Palm Springs	47,427	\$ 585,587
Perris	80,201	\$ 990,252
Rancho Mirage	19,114	\$ 236,003
Riverside	328,155	\$ 27,991,888
San Jacinto	51,028	\$ 630,049
Temecula	111,970	\$ 1,382,508
Wildomar	37,183	\$ 459,103
Allocations Total		\$ 49,337,125

CARES FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

July 2020 Status Report



Business Assistance Response and Recovery

Department(s) Assigned:
Business & Community Services

Original Estimate	\$50M
Actual Allocation	\$46.5M
In Process	\$3.5M



Sheltering, Homelessness, Rental Assistance & Workforce Development

Includes Distance Learning

Department(s) Assigned:
Housing, Homelessness Prevention & Workforce Solutions Department

Original Estimate	\$50M
Actual Allocation	\$35M
In Process	\$20M



Riverside County Government Response and Preparation

Department(s) Assigned:
Executive Office
- County Departments

Original Estimate	\$250M
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<i>Actuals and Work in Progress:</i>	
FY 19/20	\$88M
<i>Capital Projects:</i>	
In Progress/Completed	\$9.7M
Evaluating	\$46M
FY 20/21	\$166.5M



Congregate Care Facilities

Includes Jails, Juvenile Hall, SNF's, Assisted Living & Rehabilitation

Department(s) Assigned:
Emergency Management Department
RUHS: Public Health
Sheriff
Probation

Original Estimate	\$100M
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<i>Work in Progress:</i>	
Jails	\$17M
Other Facilities	\$83M



Regional Health Care System Response

Includes Regional Hospitals and Community Health Centers

Department(s) Assigned:
Emergency Management Department
RUHS: Medical Center & Public Health

Original Estimate	\$34M
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ATTACHMENT C - CARES Act Estimated Expenses July 2020 Monthly Report

Fiscal Year	Description	Status	CARES Act	Business Assistance Response and Recovery	Sheltering, Homelessness, Rental Assistance and Workforce Development	RivCo Operations Response and Recovery	Congregate Care Facilities	Regional Healthcare System Response	Total
19/20	CARES Act - Acceptance of Funding	Received from Federal Govt	\$ 431,091,226.00						\$ 431,091,226.00
20/21	CARES Act - Allocation from State	Not Received Yet	\$ 56,203,000.00						\$ 56,203,000.00
	Total Estimated Revenue		\$ 487,294,226.00						\$ 487,294,226.00

Estimated Expenses

19/20	Small Business Grant	Administered through BCS Dept		(46,575,000.00)					\$ (46,575,000.00)
19/20	Rental Assistance	Administered through HHWD			(30,000,000.00)				\$ (30,000,000.00)
19/20	Non-Profit Assistance	Administered through HHWD			(5,000,000.00)				\$ (5,000,000.00)
19/20	FY 19/20 All County Departments Reimbursement	EO Coordinating				(88,000,000.00)			\$ (88,000,000.00)
20/21	Small Business Grant	In Progress		(3,425,000.00)					\$ (3,425,000.00)
20/21	FY 20/21 District Attorney	COVID Response Related				(6,000,000.00)			\$ (6,000,000.00)
20/21	FY 20/21 RUHS	COVID Response Related				(6,000,000.00)			\$ (6,000,000.00)
20/21	FY 20/21 FQHC	COVID Response Related				(3,750,000.00)			\$ (3,750,000.00)
20/21	FY 20/21 Public Health	COVID Response Related				(1,751,543.00)			\$ (1,751,543.00)
20/21	FY 20/21 OOA Great Plates	COVID Response Related				(10,000,000.00)			\$ (10,000,000.00)
20/21	FY 20/21 - ROV	COVID Response Related				(5,000,000.00)			\$ (5,000,000.00)
20/21	FY 20/21 Public Defender	COVID Response Related				(2,000,000.00)			\$ (2,000,000.00)
20/21	FY 20/21 All other depts	Estimate only				(132,000,000.00)			\$ (132,000,000.00)
20/21	FY 20/21 County Jails	COVID Response Related					(17,000,000.00)		\$ (17,000,000.00)
20/21	RUHS Mobile Lab - Capital Project	Fixed Asset - Received				(1,200,000.00)			\$ (1,200,000.00)
20/21	RUHS Emergency Room - Capital Project	In Progress				(3,600,000.00)			\$ (3,600,000.00)
20/21	RUHS Rapid Clinic Care -Capital Project	In Progress				(4,909,122.00)			\$ (4,909,122.00)
20/21	Emergency Operations Center - Capital Project	Scope in development				(20,000,000.00)			\$ (20,000,000.00)
20/21	DA Banning -Capital Project	Scope in development				(8,000,000.00)			\$ (8,000,000.00)
20/21	RUHS Behavioral Hlth Campus - Capital Project	Evaluating				(18,000,000.00)			\$ (18,000,000.00)
20/21	Regional Hospitals	EO & EMD coordinating						(34,000,000.00)	\$ (34,000,000.00)
20/21	Housing/Sheltering	HHWD coordinating			(20,000,000.00)				\$ (20,000,000.00)
20/21	Congregate Care (JH, SNF's, Rehab, Assist.Living)	EMD & Public Health coordinating					(83,000,000.00)		\$ (83,000,000.00)
20/21	RCOE - Distance Learning (amount TBD)	HHWD coordinating							\$ -
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	Total Committed and Estimated Expenses		\$ -	\$ (50,000,000.00)	\$ (55,000,000.00)	\$ (310,210,665.00)	\$ (100,000,000.00)	\$ (34,000,000.00)	\$ (549,210,665.00)

Grand Total FY 19/20 and 20/21 CARES Act Revenue	\$ 487,294,226.00
Less Committed and Estimated Expenses	\$ (549,210,665.00)
Total Shortage	\$ (61,916,439.00)

July 7, 2020 Item 16 Public Comment via COB Web Comment on Mask Requirement (Susan Nash):

(1) The Riverside County Public Health Officer must reinstate the County mask requirement immediately. Before the state acted, Dr. Kaiser closed bars. Now, even though the state has acted, Dr. Kaiser must require masks. Your own public health page currently has a video with two doctors saying that if everyone wore masks all the time, there is a 90% reduction new cases, which means a 90% reduction in new deaths. We cannot depend on the state to waiver once again on mask requirements, but must maintain our own. This is even more important than just closing bars.

(2) The County Sheriff and Chief Deputy must do a similar video for the public Health page (wearing masks) clearly stating (regardless of what they may have said in the past) that masks are now required by both state and county law and that these laws will be both followed by and enforced by the Sheriff, to the full extent of the law. The sheriff's job job is to save lives and masks save lives.

(3) A new study by the Wall Street firm Goldman Sachs found a federal mask mandate could slow the rate of coronavirus infection and prevent new lockdowns, avoiding a 5% drop in gross domestic product worth a staggering \$1 trillion to the U.S. economy. It is clear that if Riverside County had kept the mask requirement in place when it began opening up the economy, we would not now be closing down businesses and we would have a 90% reduction in new deaths.

(4) Why was the County building closed? Were any of the County staff who contracted COVID-19 in the BOS, Clerk of the Board or attended any open Board meetings. You can and should reveal this information without exposing private information. The public needs to know how the Sheriff and Board's refusal to mask and protect others may have affected the BOS, the Clerk of the Board, other County staff, as well as members of the public.

July 7, 2020 Item No 3.19 Public Comment via COB Web Comment on School Law Enforcement (Susan Nash):

This and all law enforcement school contracts should be denied and/or revoked and re-thought. The Board of Supervisors and the Riverside County Department of Public Schools, as so many public and private schools across CA and the country, must remove armed law enforcement from all of our school campuses. In general, this is not the best use of precious and limited education dollars. This \$1,877,580 million dollars could be better spent on education personal doing the same jobs and better.

In particular, the Riverside County Sheriff has publicly told the Board of Supervisors that his Department will not obey or enforce any County, State or federal face covering laws, meant to control the spread of COVID-19, depending on their "personal preference". In addition, the Sheriff proclaimed the Board of Supervisors had absolutely no control over the Sheriff or his Department in any way shape or form, despite numerous citations from state law by County Counsel to the contrary.

Do we really want to pay armed deputies, who have no respect for the law and obey and enforce it at the whims of their personal preferences, in our school (from Headstart to San Jacinto High School) teaching police science classes and patrolling school campuses to maintain order by being a visual deterrent to aberrant behavior?

The Board of Supervisors needs to discuss closely with the BOS Riverside Department of Public Schools and the BOS Sheriff's Department several questions:

- (1) whether you want armed police on our school campuses?
- (2) If so, what should be the limits of their duties?
- (3) If so, whether this Sheriff Department, which has shown a flagrant disregard for the law and for the Board of Supervisors, can be trusted to have an armed presence on our school campuses where our precious children are trying to learn to be good law-abiding citizens.

✓ **July 7, 2020 Item No 2.4 Public Comment via COB Web Comment on CARES Act (Susan Nash):**

Questions re: ATTACHMENT C - CARES estimated expenses.

1. What is the DA spending \$6 million on?
2. Why does Public Health only get \$1.75 million?
3. Why does the public defender need \$2 million?
4. How is the County jails using their \$17 million?
5. What is the \$8 million DA Banning capital project and how is it related to COVID?
6. How is the \$18 million RUHS Behavioral Health Campus capital project related to COVID?

Is the Sheriff Department still refusing to wear or enforce masking? If so, does it occur to you that the rates of infections and deaths steadily increasing In Riverside County and the refusal of so many people refusing to wear masks, per the Sherriff's example, might be related?

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