

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



ITEM: 3.55  
(ID # 14275)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

**FROM :** EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

**SUBJECT:** EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Funding Update. All Districts. [\$0]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Executive Office to provide recommendation to the Board on any available CARES Act funding during the January 25, 2021, Budget Strategy Workshop; and,
2. Receive and file the CARES Act Funding Update.

**ACTION:**

Lisa D Brandl 1/7/2021

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt 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: January 12, 2021  
xc: E.O.

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** [Approve]

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The purpose of this submittal is to provide an update to the Board regarding recent Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) legislative changes enacted by the federal government in December 2020. The regular, full monthly report will be submitted to the Board on the February 9, 2021 agenda.

The County of Riverside is a recipient of CARES Act funding from the U.S. Treasury 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. The County was also appropriated and received an additional \$56,203,389 in State CARES Act funding. As stipulated through the U.S. Treasury CARES guidelines, the funding provided shall be used towards necessary expenses related to homelessness, public health, public safety and other services necessary to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

CARES Act funding cannot be used to backfill lost revenue and shall only be used to cover necessary Public Health expenses, expenses that were not accounted for in the budget and were incurred between March 1, 2020 and through December 30, 2021.

**Legislative Changes**

On December 21, 2020, Congress passed legislation containing additional COVID-19 relief. The legislation extends the CARES funding utilization to December 31, 2021 and provides local agencies with additional funding as summarized below. It is expected that distribution will be provided from the state and will not be a direct allocation to the county. The Executive Office will provide additional information as it becomes available in future updates.

- Vaccine distribution, COVID-19 testing, contact tracing and Healthcare provider support (\$33 Billion)
- Federal supplemental unemployment benefits



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- Rental Assistance - provides emergency federal rental assistance program, with distributions to states and localities with populations of 200,000 or more. 319 nationwide counties are eligible to receive direct payments (\$25 Billion)
- County mental health and substance abuse programs (\$4 Billion)
- Emergency communications systems to help prevent states from diverting local 911 fees, and repeals requirements that local emergency communications networks relocate to another portion of the spectrum during the middle of this pandemic
- Emergency funds for the Education Stabilization Fund established under the CARES Act (\$80 Billion)

**Current CARES Act Administration Activities**

RIVCOCARES Administration and compliance activities for the month of December included, but were not limited to:

- Completed eligibility determination and compiled reimbursement request number 4 for county departments reimbursable expenses for the period of October 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020
- Completed regional hospitals and skilled nursing facilities reimbursement number 2 in the amount of \$10,299,526 and completed eligibility determination for the period of July 1 through August 31
- Confirmed CARES / FEMA reimbursement strategy for the Great Plates Program through December 30, 2020
- Participated in an initial financial review of the CARES State funding (\$56,203,389) with the Department of Finance
- Emergency reallocation of \$750,000 to Home for the Harvest program from the Housing, Homeless Prevention and Workforce Solution's (HHPWS) CARES Act program funding. Ratification of the reallocation will be submitted by HHPWS separately for Board approval on January 12, 2021 agenda
- On December 16, 2020, with the exception of Public Health and the county medical system, county departments directed to operationalize COVID-related expenses with no expectation of reimbursement from CARES act funding

**CARES Funding Overview**

As of November 30, 2020, the County of Riverside has incurred \$379.5M in COVID-19 eligible expenses related to Riverside County Response & Preparation, Business & Community Services, Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions and Congregate Care Facilities expenses and Regional Hospital Care Response. The funding administration team is currently evaluating eligible expenses incurred during the month of December. \$33.8 million is

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estimated to be available in CARES funding per the latest reconciliation of actual expenses through November 30, 2020, December projections and available FEMA/CDAA funding. Of the estimated available funding, a large portion of that amount is subject to reimbursement from FEMA for costs incurred through the Great Plates program. The projected remaining CARES funding in the amount of \$33.8 million is subject to change as staff conducts final expenses reconciliation.

The latest COVID-19 / CARES expenses and projections are outlined in Attachment A.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A          CARES Act Expenses and Projections

# Attachment A



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