

CARES Act Funding Plan

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CRF Funding Plan Framework

On May 18, staff presented a funding plan framework for utilization of County's \$194 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF)

Original Funding Categories and Estimated Funding Needs:

1. Public Health Emergency Response (\$65 million)
2. Community Response & Resiliency (\$34 million)
3. Continuity of Operations (\$31 million)
4. Economic Recovery (\$25 million)
5. Miscellaneous (for potential revenue replacement) (\$39 million)

CRF Funding Plan Prioritizes Public Health

County's priority remains to ensure sufficient funding supports our responsibility to contain and mitigate the public health emergency

County has developed and utilized a funding plan for its CRF that supports a variety of efforts aimed vulnerable populations, local governments and agencies, education, and the business community

The funding plan follows high-level federal and state guidelines, and subject to change based on updated guidance from the federal government

CRF Updated Funding Plan

Category / Program	Actual Costs for FY20	Estimated Cost for FY21	Total
Public Health Emergency Response	\$9.9	\$35.1	\$45.0
Community Response & Resiliency	\$1.2	\$33.8	\$35.0
Continuity of Operations	\$17.7	\$37.3	\$55.0
Economic Recovery	\$5.3	\$19.7	\$25.0
Miscellaneous		\$34.0	\$34.0
Total	\$34.1	\$159.9	\$194.0
<i>Prior Estimate</i>	<i>\$62.7</i>	<i>\$131.3</i>	

Numbers in millions.

Public Health Emergency Response

FY 2020 Accomplishments

- Activated and managed EOC operations utilizing County staff
- Managed and enforced public health orders
- Trained and staffed call center and contact tracers
- Purchased PPE, equipment, and other medical supplies
- Began mass testing throughout the County in June

FY 2021 Goals (through December)

- Receive and put into rotation 5 additional ambulances
- Secure and establish permanent location for mass testing
- Turn testing, tracing, and other activities over to Public Health division of HS
- Staff over 200 temporary positions to allow County employees to return to regular duties

Community Response & Resiliency

FY 2020 Accomplishments

- Managed the IQ hotel
- Established through House Wake coordinated intake, rental assistance, and temporary housing and case management at three hotels
- Increased shelter capacity and services
- Partnered with WCPSS and non-profits to distribute meals and food through 184 distribution sites
- Partnered with WakeMed and El Centro to provide PPE and testing information to vulnerable populations

FY 2021 Goals (through December)

- Implement WakeHELPS program
- Extend House Wake Program to include eviction prevention assistance
- Extend partnerships with non-profits to provide meal/food distribution through December 2020
- Continue distribution of PPE and testing information to vulnerable communities

Food Security Efforts Result in 2.4 Million Meals Distributed

Cooperative Extension leverage 42 partnerships (including WCPSS) to serve children and vulnerable populations.

Results through 8/3:

- 2.4 million meals distributed
- 51,000+ shelf stable or produce boxes
- 171 sites County-wide
 - 31 Schools
 - 46 Big Bus Food Truck Sites
 - 94 Community Sites

Current/Future Efforts

Develop regional hubs that can combine food security assistance with other services



Focus on serving diverse populations and those with transportation challenges



Increase purchase power, storage, and distribution capacity of County and partners

Total investment (through December) = \$3.9 million

House Wake to Invest \$15 Million in Eviction Prevention



Housing will deploy three intervention strategies:

1. Provide partial back and current rent owed and up to 3 months future rent for qualifying households and landlords not pursuing eviction.
2. For qualifying households where the landlord is pursuing eviction, Wake will refer to partners offering free legal assistance.
3. For evicted tenants that qualify, Housing will refer to partner agencies to provide relocation services.

Program anticipated to be launched by beginning of September and will combine \$2 million of specific federal funds received to support housing efforts.

Wake Helps Offers Residents Utility Payment Support



- Launched August 3 in response to expiration of Governor's executive order prohibiting utility disconnections
 - Dedicates \$5 million toward supporting households impacted financially by COVID-19 with any delinquent utility bills
 - Supports low-to-moderate income families
- Households may apply for a one-time payment of up to \$500
 - Program pays utility provider directly, once application is reviewed and approved
 - Program leverages existing HS staff who support similar programs

Continuity of Operations

FY 2020 Accomplishments

- Provide hazard pay for EOC staff and front-line workers (including municipalities and fire departments)
- Increase facility cleaning and make facility modifications
- Purchase additional equipment and IT services for telework capabilities
- Support WCPSS efforts to move to distance learning for the remainder of FY 2020

FY 2021 Goals (through December)

- Continue hazard pay for eligible employees
- Continue increased facility cleanings and facility modifications for facilities
- Continue to support municipal partners as they provide services in light of COVID-19
- Continue to support WCPSS during the 2021 School Year

WCPSS Updated Funding Request

Category	Requested Amount	Recommended Amount
PPE	\$3.26	\$3.26
Increased Facility Cleaning	\$9.00	\$4.50
Increased Bus Cleaning	\$1.75	\$.88
Student Support Staff	\$4.24	\$0.00
Student Device Connectivity	\$1.60	\$1.60
Health Safety	\$5.74	\$2.87
Total	\$25.59	\$13.11
		<i>Amounts in millions</i>

- Additional \$13.11 million supplements \$14.1 million WCPSS already received from County
- WCPSS received approximately \$24 million of CARES Act funding from state; likely to receive more after Congress approves next round of funding
- WCPSS recognized cost savings from building maintenance and utility in local current expense fund during FY 2020

Economic Recovery

FY 2020 Accomplishments

- Launched Wake Forward small business loan program
- Developed job training response plans through Capital Area Workforce Development

FY 2021 Goals (through December)

- Leverage external non-profits to offer job development and best safety practices training (CAWD)
- Support Wake Tech efforts to accelerate Wake Works program, meet telework needs, and expanded workforce development programs
- Support GRCVB efforts to increase consumer confidence in “safe” travel and leisure activities in Wake County

Small Business Loans Support Job Retention



Summary (as of 7/20/2020):

- 1,892 applications totaling \$59 million
- 113 loans approved, average - \$34,000
- Estimated 882 jobs retained

Technical assistance program launched to assist in application process.

Wake Tech

- Equipment purchases for Wake Works and other job training programs (health care, law enforcement)
- Purchase IT needs for telework capabilities
- Support emergency student food assistance
- Identifying other eligible programmatic needs

CAWD

Invest \$1.7 million in programs that focus on:

- Virtual job shadowing and career fairs
- Computer training
- Youth job re-entry programs
- Entrepreneurship programs

Current Federal Activity

- Federal legislators currently negotiating new legislation (HEALS Act)
 - May not include additional funding for state and local governments
 - Will likely include additional funding for local education
 - Will likely include an extension to utilize funds through September 31, 2021
 - May include flexibility to use funds to replace lost revenues (*with a catch*)
- Areas where eligibility and responsibility remains unclear:
 - As with ARRA funds received in previous recession, only explicitly-eligible expenses will be considered for CRF

Lost Revenue Replacement in HEALS Act

- Would currently only allow for replacement of lost sales tax revenue
- US Senate proposal would require County to distribute 25% to municipalities before using any remaining funds for revenue replacement
 - Would have to release \$48.5 million to municipalities
 - May impact ability to carry out funding plan
 - Impacts ability to fund response operations into CY 2021, if time extension is approved
 - Currently asking for flexibility around how to share in lost sales tax revenue replacement

Summary

County's priority remains to ensure sufficient funding supports our responsibility to respond to the public health emergency

After the August 17 appropriation, remaining unbudgeted funds = \$72.8 million

Remaining appropriation allows County to adapt to changing conditions of the Public Health Response through FY 2021, including:

- Vaccine availability and deployment
- Additional case spiking, testing, and tracing

Remaining appropriation allows County to replenish funding for programs supporting vulnerable populations through FY 2021, including:

- Eviction prevention, food security, utility assistance

Remaining appropriation could be used by County (and municipalities) to replace lost sales tax revenues that impacted FY 2021 budgets

Next Steps

AUGUST 17:

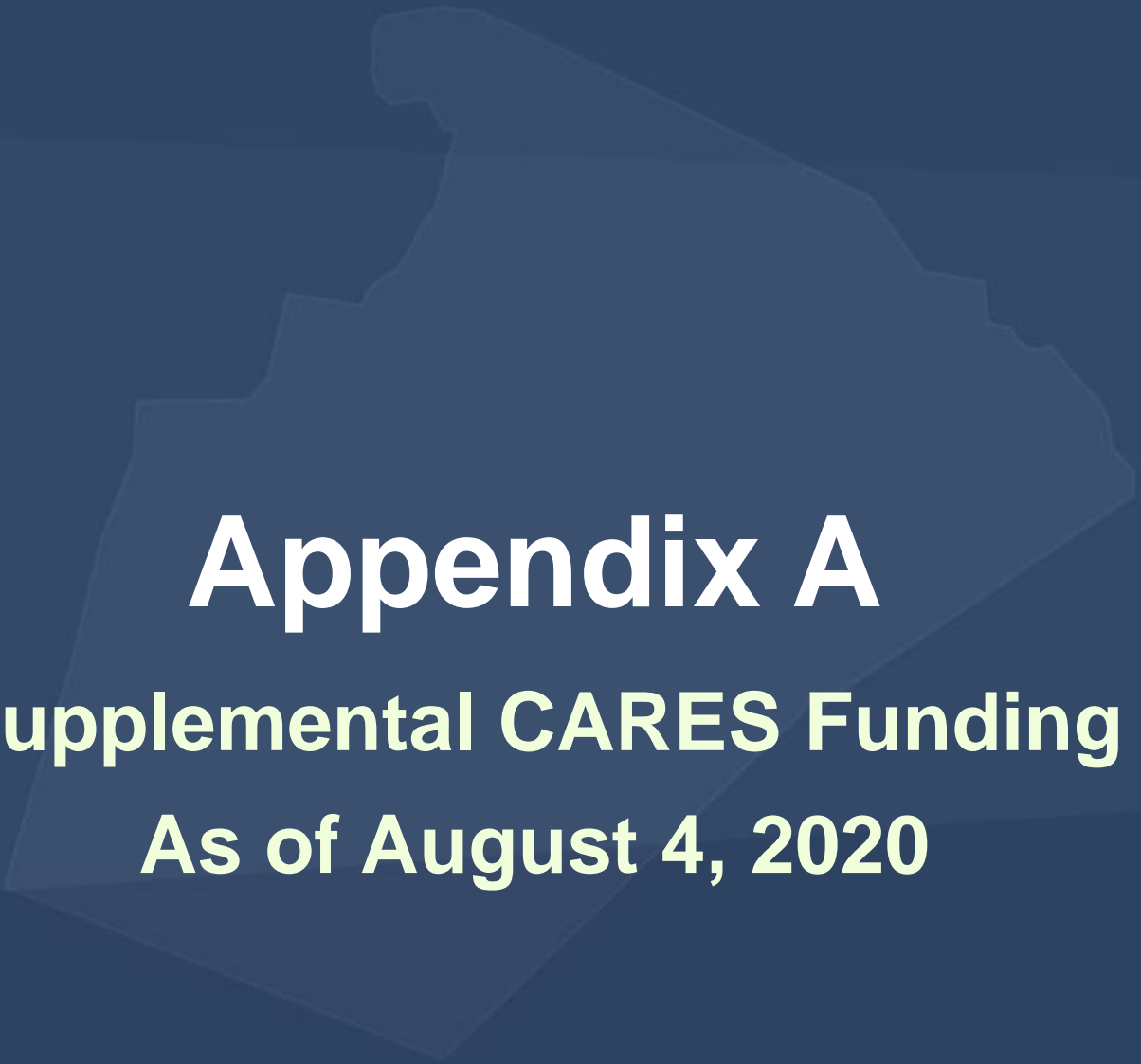
- Approve budget amendment that appropriates \$58.5 million in CRF (including an appropriation of \$13.11 million to WCPSS), which will cover estimated expenses through December 30

FALL 2020:

- Continue to engage stakeholders to implement funding plan
- Monitor federal and state legislative activity for additional funding opportunities, flexibility, and expanded uses
- Provide updates and additional amendments to the Board



Questions & Discussion



Appendix A

Supplemental CARES Funding

As of August 4, 2020

Other COVID-19 Financial Relief for Wake County

Department/Program	Description	Amount
Housing	HUD/CDBG – housing assistance, home maintenance/rehab	\$1,258,000
	HUD/ESG – street outreach, rapid re-housing, sheltering	\$2,337,000
	HUD/HOPWA – rental assistance, case management	\$133,000
Human Services	Ryan White Program – client and lab services, clinical supplies	\$113,000
	DHHS/CDC – surveillance, epidemiology, infection mitigation	\$552,000
	DHHS – CDC – Testing & Contact Tracing Efforts	\$2,157,000
	WIC – offset of position costs and equipment purchases	\$88,000
	FTA – transportation cleaning supplies, PPE, planning studies	\$3,348,000
	NCDOT – PPE, cleaning, modifications, fuel for rural transit	\$283,000
	DSS – additional child protective services staffing needs	\$393,000
	DPH – epidemiology, testing, mitigation, and prevention	\$305,000
CAWD	Commerce – Dislocated Workers Grant – job training	\$693,000
Elections	State Board of Elections – distribution of HAVA funds	\$886,000
EMS	DHHS – offset non-billable costs	\$640,000
	Total	\$13,185,000



Appendix B

Detailed Funding Plans

Public Health Emergency Response

Category	FY 2020 Total	FY 2021 Total	Grand Total
EOC Operations:			
Salary, Benefits, Contracted Services	\$6.4	\$11.2	\$17.6
Materials, Supplies, Maintenance	\$3.5	\$4.5	\$8.0
Additional Ambulances		\$1.6	\$1.6
Permanent Mass Testing Location		\$5.0	\$5.0
Estimated Costs for Potential Testing/Vaccination Expenses in 2021		\$12.8	\$12.8
Total	\$9.9	\$35.1	\$45.0

Numbers in millions.

Community Response & Resiliency

Category	FY 2020 Total	FY 2021 Total	Grand Total
House Wake			
Hotels Program	\$0.9	\$1.8	\$2.7
Housing Services		\$3.0	\$3.0
Eviction Prevention Program		\$15.0	\$15.0
Food Security Programs	\$0.3	\$3.6	\$3.9
Wake Helps – Utility Assistance Program		\$5.1	\$5.1
PPE Distribution to Vulnerable Communities		\$0.6	\$0.6
Contingency (funds available to extend programs in to 2021)		\$4.7	\$4.8
Total	\$1.2	\$33.8	\$35.0

Numbers in millions.

Continuity of Operations

Category	FY 2020 Total	FY 2021 Total	Grand Total
Hazard Pay	\$1.3	\$6.5	\$7.8
Facility Cleaning & Modifications	\$.1	\$2.5	\$2.6
Telework Needs	\$.2	\$.2	\$.4
WCPSS Requests	\$14.1	\$13.1	\$28.0
Municipal Reimbursements	\$2.0	\$5.4	\$7.4
Contingency (funds available to cover expenses in 2021)		\$9.6	\$4.8
Total	\$17.7	\$37.3	\$55.0

Numbers in millions.

Economic Recovery

Category	FY 2020 Total	FY 2021 Total	Grand Total
Wake Forward – Small Business Loan Program	\$5.3		\$5.3
GRCVB Support		\$1.2	\$1.2
Wake Tech Support		\$5.0	\$5.0
Capital Area Workforce Development		\$1.8	\$1.7
Contingency (funds available to extend programs in to 2021)		\$11.7	\$11.7
Total	\$5.3	\$19.7	\$25.0

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