



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 5/19/2020

New Business

Department: Strategic Partnerships

Presenter(s): Rachael Nygaard

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Subject: Coronavirus Relief Fund

Brief Summary:

North Carolina counties are receiving funding for local governments as part of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) established under the federal CARES Act. Funds are administered by the State Budget and Management's Pandemic Recovery Office. Buncombe County's CRF allocation is \$4,499,663.

Because municipalities and fire districts have been critical partners in our Emergency Operations Center, Buncombe County is proposing to distribute funds as sub-grants to these entities. The proposed methodology outlined in the attachment uses the same method that the NC Department of Revenue uses for Sales Tax Allocation. This Ad Valorem Distribution is based on the total taxable value of each entity/district and dividing the total of all entities/districts.

Expenses related to Coronavirus/COVID-19, within several broad categories:

- Medical expenses (e.g. clinics, testing, treatment, telemedicine)
- Public health expenses (e.g. communication, enforcement, personal protective equipment)
- Payroll expenses (e.g. public safety or others substantially dedicated to the response)
- Expenses to facilitate compliance with public health measures (resident feeding, sheltering, distance learning, teleworking)
- Expenses associated with provision of economic support (e.g. small business support)
- Other reasonably necessary expenses

No budget action is requested at this time.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Consider approval of disbursement to municipalities and fire districts as sub-grantees, utilizing the proposed allocation methodology

County Manager's comments and Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented