

CARES Act Funding US Treasury Guidance:

- Payments for programs that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- Payments for programs that were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment (March 27, 2020) of this section for the state or government.
- Payments for programs that were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.
- Counties will be asked to submit a quarterly report on expenditures incurred and projected spending - first report due 9/30 and a template will be provided by FDEM at a later date.

CARES Act Funding Governor DeSantis and FDEM Guidance:

- Escambia allocation is **\$14,321,324 – 25%** to be provided initially
- Funds may **NOT** be used to fill shortfalls in government revenue or fees
- Expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any federal program are ineligible
- To receive the disbursement, county governments must sign a funding agreement with the Division of Emergency Management stating:
 - The County will use the fund disbursement **ONLY** on eligible expenditures as defined by the CARES Act, and related guidance from the U.S. Department of the Treasury;
 - The County agrees to repay the State of Florida any portion of the disbursed funds that is unused, or is not utilized in accordance with the CARES act stipulations; and
 - The County agrees to submit quarterly reports to FDEM detailing the expenditure of disbursed funds as well as projections of eligible expenditures.
 - Documentation and verification of expenses is critical due to **claw back**
- Should the Board of the County Commissioners wish to allocate any portion of these funds to municipalities located in their jurisdiction - on a reimbursement basis for eligible expenditures - the expenditure must be consistent with the County's proposed spending priorities, in compliance with applicable Treasury Guidelines. **Claw back provision applies**

Nonexclusive examples of Ineligible Expenditures:

1. Expenses for State Share of Medicaid
2. Damages covered by insurance
3. Payroll or benefits expenses for employees whose work duties are not substantially dedicated to mitigating or respond to COVID-19 response
4. Federally reimbursed expenses
5. Reimbursement to donors for donated items or services
6. Workforce bonuses
7. Severance pay
8. Legal Settlements
9. Capital improvement projects not directly associated with COVID-19

Possible Eligible Expenditures with Specific Regulations:

1. Medical Expenses
 - Emergency medical response expenses
2. Public Health Expenses
 - Communication and enforcement; medical and protective supplies; disinfection of facilities
3. Payroll Expenses for Public Safety and Public Health Services
 - Employees whose job duties have changed to COVID-19 response
4. Actions to Facilitate Compliance with Public Health Measures
 - Food delivery; telework; sick/family leave that comply with COVID-19 precaution; sanitation of jail; homeless care
5. Provision of Economic Support
 - Small business grants; payroll support program; mortgage, rent and utility programs

CARES Act Funding – Proposed Programs and Allocations

The Governor’s press release announcing this allocation referenced that, “All counties, including counties that already received direct payment from the U.S. Department of Treasury, should provide funds to municipalities located within their jurisdiction on a reimbursement basis for expenditures eligible under the CARES Act and related guidance.”

As for other uses of these funds, we are encouraged to adopt a strategy to maximize federal funds by submitting FEMA Public Assistance (PA) eligible items to FEMA for funding, and use CARES Act money as cost share for that program. There is no requirement to do this, but it is a suggested strategy to maximize these funding sources.

The CARES Act Fund will be utilized to cover COVID-19 mitigation and response-related costs. Funding will provide financial recovery assistance through the programs listed below. The programs may be amended from time to time based on unexpected needs and availability of funds. Eligibility is based on a pre-certification process.

Each community program will outline eligibility requirements, submission of a complete program application, and necessary supporting documentation. Program applications will be designed to ensure eligibility, accountability and compliance.

CARES Act Funding – Proposed Programs and Allocations

| Source of CARES Funds | Purpose | Amount |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| US Dept of the Treasury | FDEM CARES Act Agreement – 25% | \$14,321,324 |
| US Dept of Health and Human Services | Provider Relief Fund - EMS | \$395,998 |
| US Dept of Justice | Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program – Jail and Sheriff | \$370,107 |
| FEMA | EMPG COVID-19 Supplemental | \$19,949 |
| CARES ACT through FL Housing | CARES CRF FHFC Housing – includes City | \$903,834 |
| US Dept of Housing & Urban Dev | CDBG Coronavirus Funds | \$872,881 |
| Federal Transit Administration (FTA) | 5307 CARES Act for Operating and Capital Assistance | \$10,137,924 |
| US Dept of Transportation | Formula Grants for Rural Areas - ECAT | \$541,960 |

CARES Act Funding – Proposed Programs and Allocations

Escambia County Family
CARES Emergency Financial
Assistance Grant
Remaining allocation:
\$11,257,887

\$3,580,331

- Applicant must be Escambia County Resident
- Applicant must have been impacted by COVID
- Simplified Application Process
- \$_____ per family/household

Escambia County Business
Assistance Grant
Remaining allocation:
\$11,257,887

\$3,580,331

- Business loss Income due to COVID-19 after 3/1/20
- Business did not receive more than \$10K in PPP
- Not-for-profits - \$_____
- 1-10 Employees - \$_____
- 11-24 Employees \$_____
- Home-based business \$_____
- 25-50 Employees-- \$_____ (if revenue is available after smaller businesses receive funding?)

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| Escambia County Rapid Testing Program Remaining allocation: \$898,199 | \$1,250,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital• Testing for non-symptomatic residents• Testing for residents with no insurance• 30,000 tests thru 12/30/2020• Community Health - ID Now Rapid Test Kits – 20,000 |
| Escambia Serves - Food Assistance & Relief Program, Childcare, Workforce Development Grants and Homelessness Remaining Allocation: \$1,000,000 | \$1,500,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food Delivery through non-profit partners and churches• First Responder Childcare to help offset childcare expenses until December 2020• Support COVID Impacted Training Students through Escarosa March to December 2020• Community and Rural Broadband Connectivity• Homelessness |

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**Escambia County Public
Health and Safety
Remaining Allocation:
\$4,000,000**

\$1,500,000

- **First Responder Personnel expenses**
- **EMS Transport**
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and medical supplies for public health and safety workers**
- **Disinfecting of public areas and facilities**
- **Enhanced jail sanitizing, disinfecting and safety protocols**
- **Temporary medical facilities and hospital surge capacity i.e. Baptist needs**
- **Future COVID-19 health and safety mitigation**



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General Government - County, \$1,432,132
Municipalities &
Constitutionals
Remaining Allocation:
\$7,000,000

- Public health and safety messaging
- Governmental entities to utilize FEMA PA Process first, and then seek 12.5% local match from CARES funding.
- Facility Safety - preparing public buildings to serve customers
- Telework: Electronic/Digital Technology - Establishment of permanent telework programs including equipment
- Enhanced sanitizing, disinfecting and safety protocols in public buildings and public venues
- Permanent safety improvements, reconfigurations, barriers, temperature scanners, hand sanitizing machines
- Modification to Air Handling Systems

FEMA Reimbursement \$378,530
Remaining Allocation:
\$1,000,000

- To reduce expenses in CARES



COVID 19 Operations & Oversight

**Remaining Allocation:
\$250,000**

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\$250,000

- **Grant Portal for Resident, Business & Rent Application**
- **Validation and processing of Applications**
- **Anti-fraud measures**
- **Anti-fraud training of staff administering the program**
- **Ongoing analyses and reporting—including Executive Dashboard**
- **Auditing & Accounting**
- **Staff overtime**
- **COVID-19 related unbudgeted legal fees**

**Replenishment Account
Remaining Allocation:
\$6,300,000**

\$850,000

- **To be utilized for future expenses or supplement when grant programs run low**

CARES Act Implementation Schedule

ACTIVITY

BCC Approves CARES Conceptual Plan
Begin Program Implementation
Commence Sub-Recipient Agreements
Provide Monthly/Status Updates to BOCC
Close Programs for New Applications
Complete Application Processing
Submit Final Reimbursement Request to FDEM
Provide Final Report to BCC
Complete All Administrative Tasks

PROPOSED DATE

August 20 BCC Meeting
September 8
By September 8
Starting September
December 1
December 15
December 20
December 30
December 30