



**County Administrative Office  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA DATE:** September 1, 2020

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Paul Guerrero    PHONE: 559-636-5005				

**SUBJECT:** CARES Act Funding Plan Update

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive a presentation regarding revisions to the County of Tulare CARES Act Funding Plan use of \$48,938,000 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funds due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 public health emergency.
2. Approve the necessary budget adjustments per the attached AUD 308 (4/5ths vote required).

**SUMMARY:**

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was signed into law. This legislation authorizes more than \$2 trillion to combat the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and its economic effects, including cash relief for individual citizens, loan programs for small business, support for hospitals, other medical providers, schools, and various types of economic relief for impacted businesses and industries.

The CARES Act established and appropriated \$150 billion to the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) to be used to make payments for specified uses to states and certain local governments (counties and municipal governments) with populations of over 500,000. Tulare County did not receive initial CRF funding because its population is under 500,000. However, within the Governor's Enacted Budget, the County was allocated approximately \$48.9 million in CRF funding from the State's allocation for COVID-19 expenditures, impacts, and effects with respect to the public emergency.

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### **County of Tulare Revised CARES Act Funding Plan**

On July 14, 2020, the Board approved the County of Tulare CARES Act Funding Plan (Plan), which outlined the County's use of \$48,938,000 CARES Act funds deemed necessary to respond and mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Plan includes guiding principles set forth by the County Administrative Officer for the use of CARES Act funds and allocates funding into the following categories:

1. Local Government Support: \$29.8 million  
*To modify Countywide facilities and operations in response to COVID-19.*
2. Community Investment: \$16.6 million  
*To provide economic relief to vulnerable members of the community who have been impacted by COVID-19.*
3. Contingency: \$2.5 million  
*To provide for unforeseen expenditures or impacts caused by COVID-19.*

To centralize CARES Act funding procurement and administrative activities, the Board distributed funds to the Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA), Information and Communications Technology (TCiCT), and the General Services Agency (GSA) based on preliminary estimates. At the time, it was anticipated that the initial Plan would change as further information became available from departments, the community, the U.S. Treasury, and the State of California.

Over the past month and a half, the County Administrative Office has worked closely with HHSA, GSA, and TCiCT to further refine the proposed uses included in the initial plan. GSA and TCiCT met with all county departments to identify and prioritize county teleworking, facility modification, sanitization, and protective equipment and disinfectant needs. Similarly, HHSA consulted and partnered with various community advocates and non-profit organizations to establish a comprehensive community support and investment plan.

The result of these efforts is reflected in the revised CARES Act Funding budget (Attachment A) presented today. Staff note that while funding has shifted between the Plan's three major categories, the proposed budget remains true to the Plan's guiding principles and aims to build resilience and foster economic stability for county residents, employees, community-based organizations, and businesses.

### **Contingency**

The original \$2.5 million in Plan contingency funds were initially set aside for unforeseen expenditures related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the revision process, contingency funds were redistributed to local government support and community investment initiatives as needed and in accordance with the guiding

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principles of the Plan.

**AUD 308**

It is requested that the Board approve adjustments to the distribution of Plan funding between departments in accordance with the proposed budget. Adjustments are reflected in the attached AUD 308 (Attachment B).

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

Up to \$48.9 million of expenditures incurred by Tulare County due to the COVID-19 pandemic will be covered by CARES Act funding for Fiscal Years (FY) 2019/20 and 2020/21.


Departments that had eligible expenses incurred in FY 2019/20 have established a revenue accrual for CARES Act funding reimbursement, and the Board distributed the remaining CARES Act funds for FY 2020/21 to select county departments for ease of administration. Adjustments to the distribution of funds to the select departments are reflected in the attached AUD 308.

There is no Net County Cost to the General Fund.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Safety and Security Initiative to provide for the safety and security of the public. The approval of the County of Tulare CARES Act Funding Plan for CRF funding addresses impacts, mitigations, emergency preparedness, responses, and effects caused by the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



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Jason T. Britt  
County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s):

A – Revised CARES Act Funding Plan

B – AUD 308

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF CARES ACT )  
FUNDING PLAN UPDATE ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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# CARES Act Funding Plan Budget

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT	HHSA	TCICT	GSA	CAO	Countywide*	Total
Salary & Benefit Cost	\$ 2,593,892				\$ 11,680,124	\$ 14,274,016
Retrofit County Facilities	\$ 113,873		\$ 1,048,730			\$ 1,162,603
Telework Technology Upgrade	\$ 750,000	\$ 6,613,190			\$ 276,858	\$ 7,640,048
PPE and Disinfectant Procurement	\$ 3,061,201		\$ 2,660,001		\$ 314,331	\$ 6,035,533
Expanded HHSA Services	\$ 390,782					\$ 390,782
Testing Capability / Contact Tracing	\$ 3,042,384					\$ 3,042,384
Sanitize County Offices			\$ 220,000			\$ 220,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,952,131</b>	<b>\$ 6,613,190</b>	<b>\$ 3,928,731</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 12,271,313</b>	<b>\$ 32,765,366</b>
2. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT	HHSA	TCICT	GSA	CAO	Countywide	Total
Small Business Support				\$ 7,850,000		\$ 7,850,000
Health Care Support	\$ 2,200,000					\$ 2,200,000
Rental and Utility Assistance	\$ 2,800,000					\$ 2,800,000
Food Assistance	\$ 1,265,000					\$ 1,265,000
Homeless Transitional Housing	\$ 799,634					\$ 799,634
COVID-19 Education and Outreach	\$ 1,300,000					\$ 1,300,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,364,634</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,850,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 16,214,634</b>
3. CONTINGENCY	HHSA	TCICT	GSA	CAO	Countywide	Total
Contingency						\$ -
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>CARES Act Spending Plan Total</b>	<b>\$ 18,316,765</b>	<b>\$ 6,613,190</b>	<b>\$ 3,928,731</b>	<b>\$ 7,850,000</b>	<b>\$ 12,271,313</b>	<b>\$ 48,980,000</b>

\*Countywide expenses include unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, countywide payroll costs, and FY20 CARES-Act-eligible expenses accrued for reimbursement in FY 21.

