

# CARES Act Funding Plan Update

September 1, 2020



# CARES Act Background

- CARES Act signed into law on March 27, 2020
- Authorizes more than \$2.0 trillion for relief
- \$150 billion to the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)
  - States and local governments with populations greater than 500,000
  - Tulare County's population is approximately 466,000
- State of California allocated portions of their funding to local governments that did not receive direct allocations
- Tulare County is being granted \$48.9 million of the State's federal CRF funding

# CARES Act Background

- Guiding Principles
  - Address public health and safety needs while building resilience and fostering economic stability
  - Ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations
  - Allocate funds for one-times uses that avoid ongoing obligations
  - Expedite procurement and avoid duplicate administrative burdens
  - Support County services to soften economic impacts
  - Reduce the burden on residents and businesses from economic impacts

# CARES Act Background

- Eligible Uses
  - Necessary expenditures incurred due to response and mitigation of the COVID-19 pandemic
  - Activity must not be accounted for in the County's budget as approved on March 27, 2020
  - Costs for activity must be incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020
- Monitoring & Reporting
  - Auditor-Controller will be responsible for monitoring and reporting
  - Quarterly reports required

# Revised Funding Plan



# Revised Funding Plan

The following stakeholders were engaged in the preparation of the revised funding plan:

- HHSA & community partners: internal and external support
  - HHSA Community Care Coalition
- TCiCT: identified technology needs to facilitate telework for County employees
- GSA: identified Countywide sanitization, facility improvement, and PPE needs
- Auditor-Controller: ensured plan was developed consistent with Federal and State guidance
- CAO: identified Countywide salary and benefits costs and collaborated with the TC Workforce Investment Board to develop Small Business Grant program

# Funding Plan Update – Local Government Support

Funding Category	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	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>\$9,952,132</b>	<b>\$6,613,190</b>	<b>\$3,928,731</b>		<b>\$12,271,313</b>	<b>\$32,765,366</b>

# Funding Plan Update – Community Investment

Funding Category	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 & Utility Assistance	2,800,000					2,800,000
Food Assistance	1,265,000					1,265,000
Homeless Transition Housing	799,634					799,634
Outreach & Education	1,300,000					1,300,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$8,364,634</b>			<b>\$7,850,000</b>		<b>\$16,214,634</b>



# Funding Plan Update – Summary

Funding Category	HHSA	TCiCT	GSA	CAO	Countywide	Total
Local Government Support	\$9,952,131	\$6,816,819	\$3,928,731	\$0	\$12,271,313	\$32,765,366
Community Investment	8,364,634	0	0	7,850,000	0	16,214,634
Contingency	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Spending Plan</b>	<b>\$18,316,765</b>	<b>\$6,816,819</b>	<b>\$3,928,731</b>	<b>\$7,850,000</b>	<b>\$12,271,313</b>	<b>\$48,980,000</b>

# Detailed Department Activities



# Funding Plan – HHSA Activities

- PPE & Disinfectant Supplies
- Animal Services
- COVID Response Team Support
- Temporary Medical Facilities & Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) items
- Public Health Lab Support & Mobile Testing
- Contact Tracing Costs

# Funding Plan – Other Partners

- Small Business Grant Program – TC WIB
- Health Care Service Support – Hospitals (Kaweah Delta, Adventist Tulare, Sierra View)
- COVID Messaging & Outreach – Chambers of Commerce
- Homeless Transitional Housing
- Rental & Utility Assistance – CSET & United Way
- Food Assistance – FoodLink & CSET
- Farmworker & Community Outreach

# Healthy Harvest Program (Housing for the Harvest)

- Program Guidance
  - California Dept Food & Agriculture, CalOES, Dept General Services, Dept of Social Services
- Program Components
  - Farm and Food Production workers are eligible
  - COVID positive, symptomatic and needing testing or pending results, contact with a positive and needs to quarantine
  - Unable to isolate/quarantine at home

# Healthy Harvest Program

- Non-congregate 14 days shelter (Hotel/Motel)
  - Secured and paid directly by the State
  - Can be extended based on Doctor or Public Health certification if additional recovery time is needed
  - Includes case management (Wellness/symptom checks)
- Wrap around Services
  - Food/Supplies/PPE (Participant and Household)
  - Transportation (specific to HHP participant)
  - Evaluation of additional household needs during HHP participant absence

# Healthy Harvest Program Referrals

- Several referral avenues/sources
  - Businesses, Individuals, Contact Tracing
- State ability to process housing needs is 7 days per week
- Program Implementation timeframe
  - Process mapping taking place-Targeting the next 2-3 weeks

# Healthy Harvest Program Partners

- Central Valley Community Foundation (CVCF)
  - Central Valley Liaison (helping to coordinate a regional approach)
- California Farmworker Foundation (CFF)
  - Primary Valley Call Center
- Proteus Inc.
  - Housing, transportation, wellness check liaison
- United Way & Multi-Disciplinary Team (HHSA)
  - Resource lines
    - Can be direct or indirect (Individual, Family, from CFF, Proteus, or other partners)
- Undisclosed Charity Donation



# Healthy Harvest Program Partners - Cont'd

- Food
  - FoodLink, Salvation Army, Bethlehem Center
    - In process of determining agreements that may be made with other entities to supply food/meal options
    - Agreements likely to be with Proteus Inc.
- Ag Business Community
  - Tulare County Farm Bureau
  - Tulare County Ag Commissioners Office

# Healthy Harvest Program Partners - Cont'd

- Supplies/Supportive Services
  - Proteus Inc., CSet, United Way of Tulare County, Family Health Care Network, Anthem Blue Cross, Family Resource Centers of Tulare County, HHSA
    - Rental/utility assistance
    - Household supports in absence of family member
    - Personal Care items
    - PPE
    - Forehead Thermometers
    - Cooking/eating utensils
    - MDT referrals to safety net programs, Mental Health or Public Health

# Testing Partners

- Tulare County Public Health will continue to reach out to collaborate for Farmworker specific testing needs/ planning
  - Those already involved in farmworker efforts are: United Health Centers, Family Health Care Network and Kaweah Delta Healthcare
- Ongoing general testing needs also continue to be evaluated and include those partners above, and other clinic and hospital partners

# Messaging Partners

- Many Community Organizations, Community Action Agencies, HHSA and partners on Community Care Coalition
- Lali Moheno- Many community partner resources/connections helping to identify needs and share information
- Listos (Self Help Enterprises)
- Telemundo/Univision/Radio Campesina/Cuadrilla media campaigns (County and CVCF)
- Promotoras/Cultural Champions

# Messaging Partners - Cont'd

- Consulumex Fresno
  - Identification and legal assistance
  - Informational resources targeted at their residence location
- TC Ag Commissioners Office
  - Outreach with both industry partners and farmworkers to support the daily functions that are essential to our food supply throughout Tulare County
- TC Farm Bureau
  - Spanish and English Workplace Safety trainings
  - Weekly electronic news distribution to over 1400 Ag employers in the County
- CFF and CVCF
  - Farmworker specific outreach and communication

# Ongoing Outreach

- Through all of the combined efforts we are making efforts to collaboratively stabilize families, businesses and communities and impact our COVID case rate across Tulare County
- Community Care Coalition (CCC)
  - community testing/outreach events/Resource Packets/Information sharing/Service Gap identification
- HHSA Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT)
  - Safety Net programs, support programs, Mental Health support, Public Health needs, resource provision/referrals

# Ongoing Outreach - Cont'd

- Testing
  - Taking place at Worksites, within Communities, at Clinic/Hospital locations
    - Street Medicine Team
    - Community Care Coalition community events
    - HHS identified locations
    - Several clinic and hospital partners
    - CFF

# Outreach Efforts

Partners throughout the County in many facets of community and business representation are working together to provide:

- Community and Onsite outreach and Testing
- PPE Supplies (Personal and Business)
- Rental/Utility Assistance
- Supplies/Personal Care Products
- Digital Divide Connections
- Family/Student Outreach
- Wellness Kits
- School Supplies
- Food Resources
- Safety Net Program Assistance
- Behavioral Health Resources
- Public Health Program Resources
- Business Outreach
- Messaging Campaigns/Information Sharing  
(including personal and business safety)
- Homeless Outreach
- Community Support



# Funding Plan – TCiCT Activities

- Teleworking Technology
  - \$3.6 million in technology to support the new telecommuting workforce. Includes laptops, monitors, and remote connectivity licensing. It also includes \$250,000 to the Public Library funding to reduce contact between staff and patrons, making our public libraries safer.
- Infrastructure Costs
  - \$1.2 million in network infrastructure upgrades to support the new remote workforce. Includes equipment and licensing to improve the County's Internet connection. Making it faster and more resilient.
- Office 365 Upgrade
  - \$1.8 million to migrate the County's office and email workload to the Cloud. Which will put the remote workforce's data closer to each County Employee granting faster and more reliable access.

# Funding Plan – GSA Activities

- Touchless Restroom Features at County Facilities
  - Flush valves
  - Faucets
  - Soap dispensers
  - Paper towel dispensers
- Where?
  - Most County owned buildings: high number of employees and/or public
  - County owned libraries



# Funding Plan – GSA Activities

- Personal Protective Equipment & disinfectant supplies for County departments



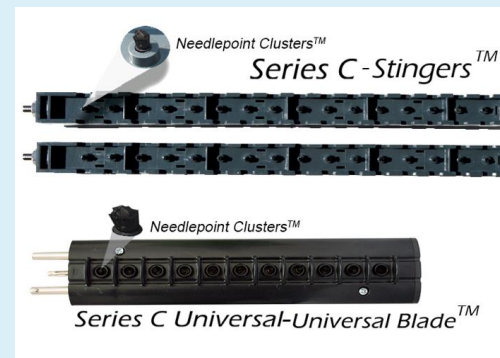
- Coordinated hand sanitizer service

# Funding Plan – GSA Activities

- Sanitize Office Surfaces
  - Contractor
  - County: purchasing our own equipment



- Sanitize Air
  - Ion filtration at Juvenile Detention Facility
  - Integrating new technology



# Funding Plan – County Administration

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- Salary & Benefit Costs
- Small Business Grant Program – TC Workforce Investment Board

# Monitoring & Reporting



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- Auditor-Controller will be responsible for monitoring and reporting.
- First reporting deadline to the State is September 4, 2020. We must report the following:
  - Expenditures and obligations incurred for the first quarter (March 1, 2020 - June 30, 2020).
  - Expenditures and obligations incurred for the second quarter to date (July 1, 2020 - August 30, 2020).
  - Forecasted expenditures from September 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020.
  - A brief description of actions taken to coordinate regionally and to ensure that expenses are not claimed through more than one federal or state program.

# Acknowledgments

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- Board of Supervisors
- Community Partners
- County Department Heads
- CARES Funding Committee
  - Auditor-Controller
  - Health and Human Services Agency
  - General Services Agency
  - Information & Communications Technology
  - County Administrative Office



# Conclusion

It is requested 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).