



## **CARES Funding Discussion**

General Government & Policy Committee of the Whole

October 6, 2020

# Agenda



- Allocated vs. unallocated funds
- Programs projected to underspend
- Additional spending options
- Board discussion and direction

# Allocated vs. unallocated funds



Spending category	Board approved to date	Change in estimated spending	Additional Options	Approximate remaining fund to meet allocation target	
<b>Internal</b>					
-Telework support	\$2,480,083		\$160,000		
-Teleservices	\$181,184		\$130,000		
-Elections	\$299,600	(\$141,194)			
-Reimbursement for County costs*	\$19,538,842		\$783,948		
	<b>\$22,499,709</b>	<b>(\$141,194)</b>	<b>\$1,073,948</b>	<b>up to</b>	<b>\$2,842,073</b>
<b>External</b>					
-Aid to businesses and other organizations	\$15,450,000	\$1,510,000	\$2,808,554		
-Aid to households and individuals	\$5,308,950	\$1,880,000	\$54,000		
-Public health outreach and services*	\$1,327,000	\$800,000	\$295,000		
-Improve public capacity to utilize tele-services	\$1,485,710		\$95,256		
	<b>\$23,571,660</b>	<b>\$4,190,000</b>	<b>\$3,252,810</b>	<b>at least</b>	<b>\$7,141,437</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$46,071,369</b>	<b>\$4,048,806</b>	<b>\$4,326,758</b>		
<b>Small City Allocation (Coates, New Trier, Miesville)</b>	\$31,568				
<b>Transferred Funds (Small Cities/Townships)</b>	\$59,800				
<b>Total remaining funds available</b>	\$5,843,336				

\*includes funds recommended for approval at the Oct. 6 County Board meeting

# Options for programs currently projected to underspend



## Nonprofit Relief Program

\$2,050,000 allocated on Aug. 18

- Program launched Sept. 7 for public health and human services nonprofits
- Eligibility expanded on Sept. 22 to include chambers and visitors bureaus
- Deadline extended to Oct. 12

Current applications: ~25 (200 projected)

## Additional opportunities to expand program

- Include DCHS and County Fair
- Include arts and culture, educational or environmental nonprofits
- Consider amounts greater than \$10,000 per organization

# Options for programs currently projected to underspend



## Rental Assistance/Eviction Prevention

\$2 million allocated on July 17

- Program launched July 27 for eligible renters
- Received additional \$1.6 million from state in August for rental assistance; launched August 24

Projected spending: \$1.1 million (County CARES Funds); potential for additional state funds

### Opportunity to enhance program

- Expand eligibility to affordable housing property owners
- Direct \$750,000 in funds previously authorized to provide direct assistance to landlords
- Partner with another county to administer program

# Options for programs currently projected to underspend



## Child Care Funding

\$1 million allocated on Aug. 18

- There are 21 families in process of seeking childcare assistance currently, if all 21 families are approved spend \$20,000 - \$30,000

## Opportunity for additional spending

- Due to changes in child care services, the Basic Sliding Fee (BSF) Child Care budget is projected to overspend at \$320,628
- DHS will allow counties authority to pay projected overspending using CARES Funds prior to Dec. 1.



# Ergonomic Equipment



Data collected on employee status (on site versus remote) shows that on a regular basis 30-35% of staff are working on site while the other 65-70% are working remotely.

**Need:** Leveraging CARES Act funds to:

- Provide ergonomic equipment and training support to staff that are continuing to telework.
- Protect the health and safety of staff.
- Mitigate the potential for ergonomic injuries.

**Funding request:** Not to exceed \$160,000

- \$130,000 for ergonomic equipment for staff
- \$30,000 for a e-learning course for staff to train on proper ergonomic considerations

## **BENEFITS**

- Maintains safety of visitors and staff by reducing person-to-person contact
- Delivers faster service to visitors with fewer redirects
- Staff can service multiple locations from office or remote location

## **APPROACH**

### **Virtual Receptionist**

- Motion-activated display in atrium or lobby greets visitors, engages live video with a remote greeter
- Remote greeters schedule appointments, collect contact information, queue visitors, notify staff
- Remote greeters direct visitors to nearby rooms with Visitor Videoconferencing Stations

### **Visitor Videoconferencing Stations**

- Smaller conference rooms with a videoconference display, printer and scanner
- Staff members interact with guests remotely and deliver specific services
- Staff members send documents to the visitor's conference room printer
- Visitors send documents to staff needs using the conference room scanner

**Funding requested - \$130,000**

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## **Office Spaces**

- Add glass panels to ensure all cubicles are 67” high
- Impacts an estimated 300-400 cubicles across the County
- Estimated cost = \$300,000

## **Western Service Center HVAC Bipolar Ionization Technology**

- Positive and negative ions neutralize contaminants by deactivating single cell organisms, such as viruses and bacteria
- Enhances the ability of HVAC unit filters to further improve air quality
- Estimated cost to pilot Western Service Center only = \$60,000

# Small Business Relief Grant Program - Update



- 8/27 - **1,382** self-certified eligible applicants were selected to advance to the review and verification stage of the application process
- 10/1 - **527** applicants have provided sufficient documentation to demonstrate County Program eligibility and have been recommended for funding
  - Note. 130 of the 527 applicants will be funded by City CARES funds*
- 10/2 -the County has signed grant agreements with **155** applicants
- 9/28- 10/2 – **82** checks mailed for a total of **\$790,700**

# Small Business Relief Grant Program – Next Steps



- 10/6 – CDA Board consider amending contract with NextStage (Contractor) to formally add 294 DEED applicants to Contractor’s review process
  - If approved, total of 1,676 applicants to be vetted by Contractor
- Late October/early November – Staff present options to provide additional funds to grantees
  - Staff tracking total eligible expenses for each applicant to determine need for additional funds

# School Districts



Superintendents request: \$8,333,466

- Tier 1 Childcare
- Technology Access

Funding option:

- Dakota County only enrollment numbers were provided by the districts.
- Non-Public Schools are not required to provide Tier 1 childcare.

	Enrollment 2019-2020	\$29.80 per Student
DC School Districts	69,696.02*	\$2,076,941.40
Public Schools (not included in request)	993	\$29,591.40
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2,106,532.80</b>
Non-Public Schools	4,912	TBD

# Hospitals



## Ridges Hospital: \$593,188

- Supply and equipment costs
- Infrastructure costs
- Training and education costs

## Regina Hospital: \$2,981,406

- Support the recovery from loss of revenue
- Assist with sustainability to provide safe and effective healthcare to the communities they serve.

	DC Patients Served in 2019	Funds Requested	Funds Requested Per Patient	\$9.59 Per Patient
Ridges Hospital	61,862	\$593,188	\$9.59	\$593,188
Regina Hospital	11,350	\$2,981,406	\$262.70	\$108,834
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,574,594</b>		<b>\$702,022</b>

## Vaccination Planning and Administration

- Equipment: trailer/truck and associated costs
- Clinic vaccination supplies: PPE, syringes, needles, signs, barriers
- Technology: Clinic registration software, IT consultant, laptops/iPads

## Saliva Test Kits

- Additional kits for schools, Public Health, and mission critical personnel

Funding requested - \$295,000



# Library Digital Access Kits - Expansion



## Original Request - \$109,428

- 135 Chromebook & Hotspot Kits

## Expansion - \$226,080

- 115 Chromebook & Hotspot Kits
- 385 Hotspots

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# Discussion & Direction



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Facility Modifications			\$360,000		
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Increase awards for small business grants			TBD		
Schools			TBD		
Hospitals			TBD		
Modify nonprofit program (incl additions)			NA		
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