



AGENDA

COVID RELIEF SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, August 27, 2020; 9:30 a.m. (or immediately following the Board of Commissioners meeting)

NOTICE REGARDING ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Pursuant to Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-154, the Kent County Board of Commissioners COVID Relief Subcommittee in order to protect the public health will conduct its meeting via electronic communications. Any member of the public wishing to listen to the proceedings or provide public comment may do so by using the following internet connection or phone numbers and pass code.

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1. Welcome
2. Approval of Minutes of July 23, 2020
3. Small Business Recovery Program Update
4. Not-for-Profits Assistance Program Update
5. Assistance to Local Units of Government Update
6. Wifi Access Points Update
7. CARES Funding Allocation Plan
8. Miscellaneous
9. Public Comment – Email to publiccomment@kentcountymi.gov

10. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 24, 2020; 9:30 am (following the Board Meeting)

Charge: To analyze all available funds coming into the County and how they are being applied, the needs of the community, and the processes and strategies to allocate and disburse the CARES funds under the guidelines established by the federal government.

Mission Statement

Through responsible budgeting and thoughtful planning, Kent County government is committed to providing resources and services that promote a high quality of life for the entire community.

Kent County

Coronavirus Relief Fund Activities

Summary as of August 25, 2020

Family Promise **\$500,000**

Grant to reimburse expenses for hotel rooms provided for homeless families to ensure social distancing. Family Promise has so far obtained reimbursements of approximately \$300,000, and the County anticipates receiving reimbursement requests for the balance within the next 30 days. The contract has been executed, and the program is ongoing.

Kent County Small Business Relief Fund **\$25,000,000**

Contract with Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce to administer the Kent County Small Business Recovery Fund. Fund will provide grants of \$5,000-\$20,000 to small businesses to address COVID-19 related losses. The contract has been executed with the Grand Rapids Chamber, and the program is ongoing.

As of August 25, 2020, the Chamber has received 2,364 applications affecting the equivalent of 11,712 full-time employees. These applications have come from every zip code in the County. Approximately 60% of the applications were submitted for minority-owned businesses, and about 23% are woman-owned.

The Chamber has reviewed 1,597 applications, with additional recommendations to be completed by Friday. The Chamber has recommended, and the County has approved grants totaling \$11,085,000. The most recent week's recommendations were for more than \$800,000. The County has paid out \$8,500,000 to date to 1,080 small businesses throughout the County. The remaining grants are in various steps on the process including needing verification of tax-identification numbers and awaiting executed grant agreements from recipients. This week, the County added personnel from Plante Moran to help address tax-identification number verification, and the Chamber is adding personnel to process grant applications.

GRow1000 **\$75,000**

Grant to City of Grand Rapids to provide summer internships for City youths with various corporate, governmental, and nonprofit organizations. There has been no change since the last Subcommittee meeting. The City has not yet executed this agreement, and so this program is on hold.

John Ball Zoo **\$200,000**

Grant to John Ball Zoo to reimburse expenses related to COVID-19 pandemic. The contract has been executed, and the Zoo has so far requested reimbursements of approximately \$167,000.

Business Support Organization Grant Program **\$420,000**

Grants to local and cultural chambers of commerce of \$20,000 and \$40,000 to support business development responses to COVID-19 in Kent County and promote County initiatives. The grants have been executed by 12 of the 14 organizations, and payments totaling \$360,000 have been made. There have been no changes since the last Subcommittee meeting.

Kent County Non-Profit Organization COVID-19 Relief Fund **\$9,500,000**

Contract with Heart of West Michigan United Way to provide grants to Kent County nonprofit organizations for services to address and mitigate the effects of COVID-19 in Kent County. The contract has been executed with Heart of West Michigan, and the program is ongoing.

County has received recommendations on 151 applications; up 103 over the July 22 update. Forty-one organizations have received their checks, totaling over \$1 million (many of those checks were issued this week). We are awaiting executed grant agreements from 27 non-profits. These 68 grants total approximately \$2.4 million. Grant agreements are in process for an additional 25 grant recipients, all of which are awaiting additional information from the recipients. Grants awarded to date total more than \$4 million.

Childcare Grant Program **\$1,200,000**

The current proposal is to administer this program through First Steps Kent. FSK has provided the County with a list of needs including age-appropriate toys and educational materials that are easily sanitized, cleaning supplies, food support, and assistance in locating additional resources. The County and FSK are working on a grant agreement for \$450,000 to address these needs, pending approval based on the grant size consistent with the policy the Board adopted in June.

FSK identified the need for direct financial support for childcare providers and is working with other organizations to promote the County Small Business Relief Fund. The Grand Rapids Chamber has coordinated with FSK to provide workshops for providers to assist them in applying for grants, and more than 30 have so far been awarded grants. In addition, providers are being encouraged to seek PPE from the County's Back-to-Work PPE program.

Right Place Economic Development Grant **\$600,000**

Grant to the Right Place to address economic development related to the COVID-19 pandemic to focus on providing resources for businesses resuming operation, connecting businesses to COVID-19 related resources, and providing talent attraction and retention resources. The contract with Right Place has been executed, and Right Place is performing under the grant agreement.

Experience GR Grant **\$820,000**

Grant to Experience GR to promote post-pandemic economic recovery for tourism and hotel industry. Grant includes \$20,000 for the Sports Commission. The contract with Experience GR has been executed, and Experience GR is performing under the grant agreement.

Urban Outreach Center Grant **\$75,000**

Grant to Urban Outreach Center, led by Rev. Jerry Bishop, to provide summer employment opportunities for youth who are unemployed because of COVID-19 pandemic. The contract with Urban Outreach Center has been executed, and it is performing under the grant agreement.

NAACP Grant **\$100,000**

Grant to NAACP to address COVID-19 related needs in the African American community throughout Kent County. The agreement with NAACP is in the final stages of execution.

Hispanic Community Center Grant **\$TBD**

Grant to West Michigan Hispanic Center to address COVID-19 related needs in the Hispanic community throughout Kent County. Hispanic Center is in the middle of a leadership change which delayed its proposal. A proposal was received this week and is being reviewed.

Kent County Grants to Local Units of Government **\$15,000,000**

Grants to local units of government to reimburse them for COVID-19 related expenses that are not subject to reimbursement by the State or other federal government grant programs. County staff has identified a list of principles to apply to determine which expenses will be reimbursed including the principle that the County will reimburse expenses that are similar to those that it is using CARES Act funds for within County operations.

This reimbursement program has been beset by various challenges as the State has rolled out a variety of programs to reimburse local units of government for COVID-19 related costs. Not only has the State agreed to fund public-safety and health payroll expenses for at least the months of April and May, but the State has also indicated that it will provide CARES Act funds in the amount of 150% of the standard August revenue sharing payment in lieu of that revenue sharing. This has placed all local units in the position of having to determine whether their COVID-19 expenses exceed the State-provided CARES Act funds. [*The County is also receiving approximately \$4.5 million in additional CARES Act funds because of the substitution for its revenue sharing payment.*] After the State makes the August distribution, County staff will confirm with each entity requesting reimbursement through the County that they are fully utilizing the State provided CARES Act funds, and County funds will be used to supplement additional needs for each agency.

Cure Violence **\$TBD**

County Administration recently received an initial inquiry and statement of support for funding to address the impact of COVID on young adults; the need for intervention with young adults to prevent violence, criminal activity; and to provide guidance, good role models, and support. Additional discussion involving community leaders, the City of Grand Rapids, Prosecutor Becker, and County Administration recently occurred. Upon receipt of additional information regarding the scope of this program, the necessary agreement will be prepared for review and approval based on the grant size consistent with the policy the Board adopted in June.

Black Impact Collaborative **\$TBD**

On August 25, 2020, the County discussed with various community representatives a proposal under which the Black Impact Collaborative would solidify a communications and education platform that would help the County have culturally rich communications to engage the Black community on the risks of COVID, how to minimize those risks and the spread of COVID, and to assist in locating and obtaining access to services.

Housing**\$2,500,000**

This allocation contains two components. First, after consultation with various interested groups, the County is working with the Salvation Army to expand and extend the State of Michigan Eviction Diversion Program already being administered by the Salvation Army. County CARES funds will be used as a supplement to the State funds which will allow more families to qualify for eviction diversion assistance. The County and Salvation Army are working on a grant agreement for \$1,000,000 to address these needs, pending approval based on the grant size consistent with the policy the Board adopted in June. Staff are currently awaiting approval of the agreement by Salvation Army.

The second component is addressing homelessness. Here, the discussion has focused on providing permanent solutions. County staff and counsel have had discussions with Community Rebuilders, Linc-Up, 3:11, ICCF, and the Continuum of Care, as well as others that work in this area. This week, the County received proposals to increase the amount of affordable housing and provide other services to those experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity from ICCF, AYA Youth Collective (formerly known as 3:11 and HQ), and Community Rebuilders (to work with Linc-Up). Staff are evaluating these proposals, will follow up with each organization, and work with organizations to prepare grants agreements, pending approval based on the grant size consistent with the policy the Board adopted in June.

Wi-Fi Hot Spots**\$1,000,000**

The County has been working with an internet-service provider and local units of government to identify sites throughout the County to provide wi-fi hotspots. Approximately 8% of County residents do not have access to the internet. Public wi-fi equipment will be installed at township halls or in their parking lots thereby allowing residents a place to access the internet. All townships have been contacted to determine interest; several have responded indicating interest and are in the process of signing up. Additional locations in parks are also being considered. Each location would cost approximately \$6,000 which would include a data plan lasting through December 2020. The County is exploring additional options to extend additional coverage because the wi-fi hotspots are unlikely to require the full allocation.

Schools**\$2,000,000**

Grants to each school and school district (public and private) in the County based on the 2019 pupil count to provide funding for needed PPE, sanitation materials and supplies, and such other items as the school or school district determines it needs that are compliant with all CARES Act regulations, statutes, and Constitutional provisions. The agreements are prepared, and this program is ready to launch upon the Board's approval of this allocation.

Kent County
Estimate of COVID-19 Expenses
Through 08/21/2020

Bucket	Expense	Encumbered	Total	Budget	Remaining
County Expenses					
CRF-EOC	481,000	34,000	515,000	1,500,000	985,000
CRF-Communications & Outreach	513,000	65,000	578,000	1,420,000	842,000
CRF-Testing	799,000	8,000	807,000	4,900,000	4,093,000
CRF-Homeless	968,000	-	968,000	4,300,000	3,332,000
CRF-Contact Tracing	1,400,000	4,000	1,404,000	2,100,000	696,000
CRF-Return to Work PPE	521,000	170,000	691,000	1,000,000	309,000
CRF-Sheriff	943,000	3,371,280	4,314,280	4,614,280	300,000
CRF-Corrections	301,000	6,084,720	6,385,720	6,785,720	400,000
CRF-Implementation	196,000	300,000	496,000	2,000,000	1,504,000
CRF-Economic Stabilization	1,500,000	225,000	1,725,000	2,000,000	275,000
CRF-Various/Unallocated	4,223,000	176,000	4,399,000	4,380,000	(19,000)
County Expenses Total	11,845,000	10,438,000	22,283,000	35,000,000	12,717,000
Business Assistance					
CRF-Business Grants	7,280,000	3,485,000	10,765,000	25,000,000	14,235,000
CRF-Chamber Technical Assistance	360,000	60,000	420,000	420,000	-
CRF-Business PPE	2,160,000	97,000	2,257,000	3,000,000	743,000
Business Assistance Total	9,800,000	3,642,000	13,442,000	28,420,000	14,978,000
Mitigation of Homelessness					
CRF-Homelessness	-	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
CRF-Rent/Eviction	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	-
CRF-Hotel/Motel	300,000	200,000	500,000	500,000	-
Mitigation of Homelessness Total	300,000	1,200,000	1,500,000	3,000,000	1,500,000
Vulnerable Populations					
CRF-Mental Health	-	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
CRF-Childcare Needs	-	450,000	450,000	1,200,000	750,000
CRF-Not for Profits	453,000	4,305,000	4,758,000	9,500,000	4,742,000
CRF-Direct Contracts	-	100,000	100,000	500,000	400,000
Vulnerable Populations Total	453,000	4,855,000	5,308,000	12,200,000	6,892,000
Compliance with Public Health					
CRF-Internet Access	-	6,000	6,000	1,000,000	994,000
School Assistance					
CRF-Schools	-	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000
Local Unit of Government					
CRF-Local Unit	-	-	-	15,000,000	15,000,000
Reserve	-	-	-	18,013,581	18,013,581
Total CRF	22,398,000	20,141,000	42,539,000	114,633,581	72,094,581
Other Kent County ⁽¹⁾					
General Fund	1,030,000	-	1,030,000	N/A	N/A
Indigent Defense	7,000	-	7,000	N/A	N/A
General Fund Total	1,037,000	-	1,037,000	N/A	N/A
Other Grants ⁽²⁾					
Byrne Grant	40,000	-	40,000	N/A	N/A
Other Grants Total	40,000	-	40,000	N/A	N/A
Total	23,475,000	20,141,000	43,616,000	114,633,581	72,094,581

⁽¹⁾ COVID-19 Costs, Not eligible for CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund

⁽²⁾ COVID-19 Costs, covered by other Grants.

CRF - Coronavirus Relief Fund

To ensure proper tracking of the total allocation, prior expenses have been converted to the allocation buckets approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Costs include previously reported items such as payroll, equipment, medical supplies, etc.

Essential Workers Compensation information through 8/6/2020

Economic Stabilization Detail

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Experience Grand Rapids	\$ 820,000.00		\$ 820,000.00	\$ -
Issue Media Group, LLC	5,000.00	25,000.00	30,000.00	-
John Ball Zoological Society		200,000.00	200,000.00	-
Lifequest Urban Outreach Center	75,000.00		75,000.00	-
The Right Place, Inc.	600,000.00		600,000.00	-
TBD			275,000.00	275,000.00
Total	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 275,000.00

Chamber Technical Assistance Detail

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Byron Center Chamber of Commerce	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
Caledonia Chamber of Commerce	20,000.00		20,000.00	-
Cedar Springs Chamber of Commerce	20,000.00		20,000.00	-
Cutlerville-Gaines Chamber of Commerce	20,000.00		20,000.00	-
GRABB		20,000.00	20,000.00	-
Grand Rapids Black Chamber	20,000.00		20,000.00	-
Grandville Jenison Chamber of Commerce	40,000.00		40,000.00	-
Lowell Chamber or Commerce	40,000.00		40,000.00	-
Rockford Chamber or Commerce	40,000.00		40,000.00	-
Sparta Chamber or Commerce	40,000.00		40,000.00	-
Walker Chamber or Commerce	20,000.00		20,000.00	-
West MI Hispanic Chamber or Commerce		40,000.00	40,000.00	-
West Michigan Asian Chamber or Commerce	40,000.00		40,000.00	-
Wyoming/Kentwood Chamber or Commerce	40,000.00		40,000.00	-
Total	\$ 360,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 420,000.00	\$ -