

Manatee County, Florida

MANATEE CARES

Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act

Proposed Programs and Allocations

Phase 1 Funding \$17.5 Million

June 23, 2020





INTRODUCTION

Manatee County was awarded an initial allocation of \$17.5 million in funding from the State of Florida through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Federal stimulus package. The funding is restricted to eligible expenses. Broadly, the CARES Act provides that eligible expenses are those that:

1. Are necessary expenditures incurred due to COVID-19
2. Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020
3. Were incurred during the period that began March 1, 2020 and ends December 30, 2020

The CARES Act Fund will be utilized to cover COVID-19 response-related costs of the County, Constitutional Officers, Cities and other eligible entities.

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. The County Administrator will work with designated program administrators and will provide flexibility in developing and modifying application elements for each funding category and documentation requirements to ensure program compliance throughout the program duration.

1. PUBLIC HEALTH/SAFETY (30%)

This category is designated for services conducted through public health and public safety officials that protect, promote and improve the health and safety of citizens through coordinated community actions working with elected officials. Based on availability of funds, programs and services may include but are not limited to:

- A. Software to more accurately identify and track local data
- B. Vehicles and equipment specifically for COVID-19/infectious disease transport
- C. Temporary non-congregate sheltering for COVID-19 impacted persons
- D. Paramedic Triage Program
- E. Temperature scanners and disinfecting equipment
- F. Public awareness campaign



2. ECONOMIC RECOVERY (30%)

This category is dedicated to restoring the economy, maintaining the workforce and assisting individual households recover from the effects of COVID-19. Based on availability of funds, programs and services may include but are not limited to:

- A. Payment of delinquent rent or mortgage and utilities to avoid foreclosure or eviction through the expansion of the [Manatee CARES Housing Assistance Program](#)
- B. Food distribution that reaches citizens of Manatee County
- C. Temporary payments for childcare or camps to assist parents returning to work
- D. Programs to meet social, medical, and educational needs resulting from COVID-19
- E. Programs to retrain and retool employees in hardest hit industry sectors
- F. Expansion of the **Recover Manatee Safety First – Small Business Grant Program** adopted by County Commissioners as part of Resolution R-20-098 on June 16, 2020 to facilitate job creation by rehiring and providing one-time capital investments for small businesses to assist with expenses such as: sanitation, safety and COVID-19 PPE; improved signage and marketing; outdoor seating and renovations to comply with social distancing; inventory, equipment, supplies and software.
- G. Training to ensure effective sanitation and disinfecting of business
- H. PPE kits for hardest hit business sectors

3. COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING (30%)

This category is designated for protecting the health and wellbeing of all residents by ensuring adherence to Federal and State COVID-19 Orders and CDC Guidelines. The community will work in collaboration with non-profits, hospitals, medical, mental health and substance abuse providers to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Based on availability of funds, programs and services may include but are not limited to:

- A. Expanded COVID-19 testing, antibodies testing and contact tracing
- B. Design, translation and promotion of COVID-19 communications for diverse communities
- C. Training for non-profits, business organizations and community service providers to ensure effective COVID-19 disinfecting and sanitizing practices
- D. PPE kits for community service providers and non-profits
- E. Reimbursement for PPE, reconfiguration for social distancing, and other requirements to comply with CDC guidelines



- F. Disinfecting / sanitizing public areas
- G. Facilitate online learning including technology

4. GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES (10%)

This category is designated for the community health response activities provided by the County, Constitutional Officers and all municipalities for costs incurred to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on the availability of funds, programs and services may include but are not limited to:

- A. Establishment of permanent telework programs including equipment
- B. Enhanced sanitizing, disinfecting and safety protocols in public buildings and public venues
- C. Permanent safety improvements, reconfigurations, barriers, temperature scanners, hand sanitizing machines
- D. Enhanced jail sanitizing, disinfecting and safety protocols
- E. Future COVID-19 mitigation: Incident Action Plan, reserve PPE, temporary medical facilities and hospital surge capacity
- F. Design, translation and promotion of COVID-19 messaging for diverse communities
- G. Reimbursement of payments for the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA) and Emergency Family Medical Leave Act (EFMLA) resulting for COVID-19