

WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) REQUEST FORM

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Date: 09/10/20

Weekly Agenda Date: 09/15/20

ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: Auditor Pat Gill

WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Retroactive action to approve grant application for Local Government Relief Fund provided by the CARES Act and to appoint Deputy Auditor Michelle Skaff as the fiscal representative for the County.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Approve Ordinance

Approve Resolution

Approve Motion

Public Hearing

Other: Informational

Attachments

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Woodbury County has the potential to collect \$1,307,191.28 in Local Government Relief Funding from the State of Iowa. The first reimbursement deadline is Sept 15th and covers the period of 03-01-20 thru 07-31-20. Emergency Management met with the deputy auditor, public health, and public safety administrators to discuss the funding. It was agreed that the most effective option to request for reimbursement would be using the data and supporting documentation from payroll. Allowed expenditures include payroll costs for public health and public safety employees for services dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The state allows us to presume that 25% payroll costs for public health employees and 25% of payroll costs for public safety employees are payments for services substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Other COVID related expenditures may be eligible for reimbursement though FEMA and will be managed by Emergency Management.

The departments have been identified as public health and public safety are: Sheriff's Office, Emergency Services, District Health, Juvenile Detention, and Emergency Management. Only regular pay that is not covered by other grants is included in the request.

BACKGROUND:

Governor Kim Reynolds has allocated \$125 million for reimbursements to local governments for direct expenses incurred in response to the COVID-19 emergency. \$100 million for reimbursement will be divided between eligible cities and counties by 2019 estimated population. \$25 million will be used to cover the local government portion of the FEMA match through the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Consistent with the U.S. Treasury Department Guidance, funds may only be used to cover costs that:

- A. Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
- B. Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020, for the government entity;
- C. Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020; and
- D. Have not been reimbursed or where reimbursement has not been requested from another source of funds including, but not limited to, other federal programs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

A reimbursement for payroll expenses in the amount of \$1,307,191.28.

IF THERE IS A CONTRACT INVOLVED IN THE AGENDA ITEM, HAS THE CONTRACT BEEN SUBMITTED AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR AND ANSWERED WITH A REVIEW BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE?

Yes No

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Approve the grant application for Local Government Relief Fund provided by the CARES Act.
- 2) Appoint Deputy Auditor Michelle Skaff as the fiscal representative for Woodbury County.

ACTION REQUIRED / PROPOSED MOTION:

- 1) Motion to approve the grant application for Local Government Relief Fund provided by the CARES Act.
- 2) Motion to appoint Deputy Auditor Michelle Skaff as the fiscal representative for Woodbury County.