

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

Date: 2-9-2022

Weekly Agenda Date: 2-22-2022

ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: Supervisors J.Taylor & M. Ung

WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Action to Provide Planned-For \$10 Million of Funding from State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

ACTION REQUIRED:

Approve Ordinance

Approve Resolution

Approve Motion

Public Hearing

Other: Informational

Attachments

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

After meeting with our Budget Analyst and Assistant County Attorney, we today put forward a robust, diversified, and thoughtful approach to the use of State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Similar to CIP funding, the Board of Supervisors will need to authorize each of these line items as they come back before the Board. However, this provides a sound approach and roadmap to maximizing these dollars in a way that lives within the spirit of the Department of Treasury's Final Rule and has a remarkably positive impact upon our community.

We understand at this time that there is a pending question regarding the Department of Treasury's Final Rule as regards tax relief at the local level, something that is not entirely clear is allowable at this time. Should the Department of Treasury clearly and affirmatively authorize this use, we ask that the Board look at this use of funding to potentially and responsibly keep the tax levy flat, or if possible, even reduce it. Notwithstanding clearer guidance, the following represents our hoped-for broad guidance for the intention of the Board to spend these funds wisely and within the intent of the law.

BACKGROUND:

\$5.0 million in increased ventilation systems, UV lighting, CO2 sensors in existing buildings and in new construction in order to mitigate the effects of the pandemic while increasing the environmental occupancy and safety of those in county buildings.

\$2.0 million to funding employees in Siouxland District Health who have been integral to fighting the pandemic.

\$1.0 million in expansion of water and sewer infrastructure through conservation or

\$750,000 on expanding rural broadband access, cell phone coverage and emergency equipment related to the fighting of the pandemic

\$500,000 in worker retention pay to potentially be paid over a period of time where deemed necessary

\$250,000 to non-profits using an application process for food assistance, those disproportionately impacted by the pandemic

\$250,000 in funding for employees related to hiring at 7.5% above pre-pandemic levels at our correctional facility as allowed by the Department of Treasury's Final Rule

\$250,000 to economic development in the form of grants to tourism and a revolving loan fund to small businesses (fewer than 500 employees) with a written justification and application process for interest-free loans under the vetting process of Siouxland Economic Development Corp (SEDC)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No impact to taxpayers

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:

See below.

ACTION REQUIRED / PROPOSED MOTION:

Approve State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for purposes in accordance with the Department of the Treasury's Final Rule and to appropriate the intention of funds of up to \$10 million to be used for the purposes laid out in this agenda item.