

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BRIEFING DRAFT

MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 17, 2020

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 7A-7B

- SUBJECT:**
- A. RESOLUTION APPROVING FORSYTH COUNTY'S FINAL AMENDED CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND PLAN AND ITS SUBMISSION TO THE NORTH CAROLINA PANDEMIC RECOVERY OFFICE**
 - B. AMENDMENT TO THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE TO INCREASE REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS**

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The Coronavirus Relief Fund deadline to spend funds is December 30, 2020. In order to fully utilize the allocation Forsyth County received, this Resolution allows the County Manager to adjust the allocation if there are any surplus funds or interest earnings remaining. The surplus funds and earnings will be re-allocated to payroll expenses, and the final amended plan will be sent to the North Carolina Pandemic Recovery Office. The GPO amendment will allow the County to expend an interest earnings accrued and received before December 30, 2020.

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____

COUNTY MANAGER

DATE: _____

**RESOLUTION APPROVING FORSYTH COUNTY’S FINAL AMENDED
CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND PLAN AND ITS SUBMISSION TO THE
NORTH CAROLINA PANDEMIC RECOVERY OFFICE**

WHEREAS Congress enacted P.L. 116-136 on March 27, 2020, which established the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) and distributed funds to States and localities with populations over 500,000, including North Carolina and 4 North Carolina local governments;

WHEREAS on May 4, 2020, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted Session Law 2020-04, which established a \$150 million fund to be distributed to the 97 counties that did not receive direct CRF funds;

WHEREAS on July 1, 2020, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted Session Law 2020-80, which amended Session Law 2020-04 and increased to \$300 million the CRF funds to be distributed to the 97 counties that did not receive direct CRF funds and required each such county to allocate at least 25 percent of such funds for use by municipalities within the county for allowable uses;

WHEREAS Forsyth County received \$13,889,626 from two allocations of CRF funds from the General Assembly, and is required to share such funds with municipalities;

WHEREAS Forsyth County must submit a revised plan to the North Carolina Pandemic Recovery Office, a part of the Office of State Budget and Management, in order to receive and spend the \$13,889,626 to address necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency;

WHEREAS the County Manager recommended that the County’s CRF funds be used as follows:

Testing	\$500,000
PPE/Sanitary Supplies	\$450,000
Enhanced Outreach	\$200,000
Business Grants & Support	\$200,000
Payroll Expenditures	\$9,067,219
Municipality Grants	\$3,472,407

WHEREAS potential surpluses within the County and municipal Plans will be realized before December 30, 2020, when the CRF dollars must be expended and interest earnings accrued on CRF cash balances;

WHEREAS the County Manager recommends that any remaining CRF dollars not expended by the County or municipalities and any interest earnings accrued be allocated towards payroll expenditures by December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS due to the unknown surplus and interest earnings amount as of this adoption, the County Manager would amend the CRF Plan, submit it to the North Carolina Pandemic Recovery Office, and provide the final amended CRF Plan to the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners in report form at the earliest subsequent meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners that the Chairman or the County Manager and the Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to submit, on behalf of Forsyth County, the County's final amended Plan, to utilize its \$13,889,626 allocation plus additional interest earnings of the North Carolina Coronavirus Relief Fund to the North Carolina Pandemic Recovery Office;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners that the County Manager is authorized to allocate any remaining surpluses and interest earnings to County payroll expenditures in the Fiscal Year 2020-21, as allowed by the CARES Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners that the Chairman or the County Manager and the Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to execute agreements, on behalf of Forsyth County, with vendors and other parties to use the CRF funds for the purposes set forth above, including acquiring, providing, and distributing various supplies and services, pursuant to NCGS 143-129(e)(2) or otherwise as required by law, subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon by the County Chief Financial Officer, if applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney.

Adopted this the 17th day of December 2020.

