



Leon CARES Relief & Recovery Assistance Program

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- FDEM Funding Agreement – up to **\$51.2 Million**
- CARES Act funds may only be used to cover costs that:
 1. Are necessary expenditures **incurred due to the public health emergency** with respect to COVID-19
 2. Were **not accounted for in the budget** most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 for the state or local government
 3. Were incurred between **March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020**



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Expenditure Category	Funding (% of Total)
Public Health, Safety, and Compliance	\$18.2 Million (35%)
Individual, Community, and Small Business Assistance	\$24.4 Million (48%)
Reserve/Replenishment Account	\$8.5 Million (17%)
Total	\$51.2 Million (100%)



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Public Health, Safety, and Compliance

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Public Health, Safety, and Compliance

Public Health Response (\$6.1 Million)

- Community Testing
 - Leon County Health Department, Bond, Neighborhood (FQHCs)
 - Testing for **targeted high-risk areas** (32304, 32301, 32303)
 - Additional **1,200 tests/week** (45% increase over existing)
- Contact Tracing
 - Additional **600 case investigations/week**
 - Additional **1,920 contact traces/week**
- Funding for future additional community testing sites
- Primary Healthcare Partners COVID-19 related expenses
 - PPE, cleaning supplies, technology enhancements, and personnel costs



Public Health, Safety, and Compliance

Government Response & Compliance (\$12.1 Million)

- **City of Tallahassee** (\$5.0 million)
 - PPE, teleworking equipment, emergency response expenditures
- **Constitutional and Judicial Offices** (\$2.1 million)
 - Vote-by-mail expenses, courtroom technology, detention center modifications, personnel expenses
- **Leon County Government** (\$5.0 million)
 - Facility improvements, teleworking equipment, PPE for hurricanes, EMS enhanced protocols, non-congregate homeless sheltering, FEMA match, Tourism remarketing plan, Leon CARES public information campaign



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Individual, Community, and Small Business Assistance

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Individual, Community, and Small Business Assistance

Individual Assistance Program (\$7.5 Million)

- Critical financial support to **3,000 low-income households**
 - Experiencing **financial hardship** due to COVID-19
 - HUD low-income household threshold (**below 80% area median income**)
- Up to **\$3,000** in one-time assistance
 - Past-due **rent, mortgage, and utility** bills
- Successive Application Periods



Individual, Community, and Small Business Assistance

- Food Insecurity – **Second Harvest of the Big Bend** (\$3.3 million)
- Leverage network of **135 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters**
- New and Expanded Programs:
 - **Child Nutrition** Program Expansion
 - **Senior Grocery** Program Expansion
 - **High-Risk/Homeless Individual** Feeding Program
 - **Mobile Feeding** Expansion
- Distribution of **3 million meals**
 - Targeted among the community's **most vulnerable populations**



Individual, Community, and Small Business Assistance

- Local Human Services Assistance (\$2.0 million)
 - Up to \$20,000 one-time assistance to **100 local human service agencies**
 - **Programmatic and operational expenses** incurred due to COVID-19
 - Legal services, temporary shelter, and computer and technology equipment
 - Purchase and/or reimbursement of PPE, personnel costs, facility retrofit expenditures, and other unanticipated operational expenses



Individual, Community, and Small Business Assistance

- Homelessness Support (\$1.0 million)
 - Local **Emergency Shelter** Providers
 - The Kearney Center, Hope Community, Capital City Youth Services, and Refuge House
 - **Facility modifications** to prevent the spread or outbreak of COVID-19
 - Reconfiguration of HVAC systems, widening of public entrances, redesign of eating spaces, and the lease or purchase of additional transport vehicles



Individual, Community, and Small Business Assistance

- Childcare Support: **Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend** (\$920,000)
 - **Childcare vouchers** for certain essential services workers
 - Examples: Food service workers, grocery store employees, receptionists
 - State of Florida Executive Order Number 20-91
 - **Five Months** of Childcare Assistance (August – December)
 - **\$800** in monthly assistance to **200** eligible households
 - Income threshold **200% of federal poverty level (FPL)** – ALICE population



Individual, Community, and Small Business Assistance

- **Mental Health Services – 2-1-1 Big Bend (\$100,000)**
 - 33% Increase in Suicide Call Volume
 - Two additional **Mental Health Triage Specialists**
 - Provide referrals to appropriate free or low-cost mental health services in Leon County



Individual, Community, and Small Business Assistance

Small Business Assistance Program (\$7.5 Million)

- Small Business Grants
 - Financial support to **3,100** small businesses
 - Local businesses **financially impacted** by COVID-19
- Eligible business expenses
 - Employee wages, vendor bills, rent, utilities, promotion, and employee/customer safety costs
- Base Awards: **\$1,500 - \$6,000**
 - Based on number of employees
- Supplemental Awards: **\$500 - \$1,500** each
 - **Hardest Hit** Businesses, **MWBE** Businesses, **Rebounding** Businesses



Individual, Community, and Small Business Assistance

- **Local Chambers of Commerce Support (\$300,000)**
 - Big Bend Minority Chamber of Commerce, Capital City Chamber of Commerce, and Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce
 - Restart, Relaunch, Reopen **Trainings**
 - Current and new **employee support**
 - **Small Business Assistance Program** promotion and technical assistance



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Reserve/Replenishment Account

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Reserve/Replenishment Account

Reserve/Replenishment Account (\$8.5 Million)

- Purpose:
 - **Future, unanticipated** needs
 - Potential changes in **federal guidance**
 - **Replenishment** of existing program categories
- Common element among other counties' CARES Act plans
- **Board October** agenda with recommendations for allocation



Leon CARES Implementation Plan

- **Ernst & Young Consulting Services (\$1.1 million)**
 - **Expeditious and compliant** administration of funds
 - Ensure County fully **complies** with **state and federal reporting guidelines**
 - Community web portal (**6,100+** individual assistance applications)
 - **Centralized portal** for all reimbursement and expenditures
 - **Accounting and security controls** for document collection and submission
 - Services are fully reimbursable under the CARES Act



Leon CARES - Next Steps

- Ongoing coordination with **FDEM**
- **Daily** work sessions with E&Y team to develop program infrastructure
- Sub-Grantee Agreements
- Individual and Business Assistance (launch **mid August**)
- *Leon CARES Promotion* Campaign
- **Weekly updates** to the Board
- **October** Board agenda item – **allocation of reserves**