



Agenda Action Form Overview

The BOCC is requested to approve Budget Amendment No. 21BC000004 that directly appropriates \$219,744.29 from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to the Office of Emergency Services' EMS Division.

Background/Justification

The Office of Emergency Service (OES), EMS Division has received a direct appropriation totaling \$219,744.29 from the federal Department of Health and Human Services under the CARES Act. Durham County EMS was eligible for the funding because of its good standing with Medicaid and Medicare.

The CARES Act direct appropriation requires that the funding be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus. It can be used for health care related expenses or lost revenues that are attributable to Coronavirus. However, Durham County must certify that it will not utilize the CARES Act appropriation to reimburse expenses or losses that have been reimbursed from other sources (i.e.; services for which Durham County has been reimbursed from healthcare insurance or other sources). Additionally, Durham County is not permitted to collect from a possible or actual case of COVID-19 patient for out-of-pocket expenses greater than the in-network benefit.

CARES Act funding appropriated to the personal protective equipment line item will provide funding to outfit our EMS responders with the necessary protection to respond to COVID-19 cases. CARES Act appropriation within the vehicle supplies line item will allow for the department to contract with industrial cleaners to deep clean ambulances. Finally, the additional appropriation to the other medical supplies line time will provide budget relief for the increased costs associated with responding to COVID-19 calls.

Within the constraints of the terms and conditions, OES is requesting that the additional funding be appropriated to the EMS Division in the following manner:

Personal Protective Equipment: \$150,000

Vehicle Supplies: \$10,000

Other Medical Supplies: \$59,744.29

Policy Impact

The funding appropriated under this act provides a significant benefit to the on-going response to COVID-19 within Durham County. Recognizing the CARES Act appropriation in the budget amendment follows normal County policy, there is no deviation.

Procurement Background

Any procurement using the CARES Act appropriation will follow Durham County policy.

Fiscal Impact

The CARES Act direct funding provides significant support to the OES EMS Division's budget. The funds will provide the necessary relief for additional and unbudgeted expenses due to the unanticipated cost associated with preparing and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board approve budget ordinance amendment No. 21BC000004 recognizing a \$219,744.29 direct appropriation from the federal Department of Health and Human Services under the CARES Act to the Office of Emergency Services' EMS Division.