



**Agenda Action Form Overview**

The Board is requested to approve this Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 21BCC000012 to appropriate \$100,000 of General Fund COVID Reserve to Support COVID Positive Families Experiencing Food Insecurity.

**Background/Justification**

Public Health currently provides food and supplies to COVID positive food insecure individuals at a cost of \$35 per week. We are averaging 300 food insecure COVID individuals per month for an average total of \$10,500 per month. As a result of increased COVID infection rate in the Latinx and Hispanic populations, the cost of telephone translation services to arrange for food and supply delivery is \$1,000 per month. Lastly, mileage averages \$7 round trip per household at \$2,100 per month.

An appropriation of \$100,000 to feed COVID positive food insecure residents of Durham County would last seven months, or through February 2021 at current infection rates.

**Policy Impact**

This action is consistent with past actions and does not require any exceptions or new additions to Board policy.

**Procurement Background**

Not applicable

**Fiscal Impact**

Recognition of funds will provide additional resources to allow the Department of Public Health to address critical needs in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Recommendation**

The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve this Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 21BCC000012 to appropriate \$100,000 of General Fund COVID Reserve to Support COVID Positive Families Experiencing Food Insecurity.