



## Legislation Text

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**Item:**

**Budget Amendment No. 21BC000004 to recognize \$219,744.29 in Federal Funding Provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES Act)**

**Date of BOCC Meeting:** August 10, 2020

**Request for Board Action:**

The Board is requested to 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. The Office of Emergency Service (OES), EMS Division, will receive the funding.

The CARES Act direct appropriation requires that the EMS 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. Within the constraints of the terms and conditions, OES is requesting that the funding be appropriated within the EMS Division as follows:

Personal Protective Equipment: \$150,000

Vehicle Supplies: \$10,000

Other Medical Supplies: \$59,744.29

CARES Act funding will be appropriated to several line items in the OES EMS Division budget. The personal protective equipment line item will provide funding to outfit responders with the necessary protection to respond to COVID-19 cases. The vehicle supplies line item will support a contract with an industrial cleaner to deep clean ambulances. Finally, the other medical supplies line item will provide budget relief for the increased costs associated with responding to COVID-19 calls.

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. In addition, there are reporting requirements to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions above, and OES will coordinate with Finance to ensure compliance with all of the reporting requirements.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** This request aligns with the County's Strategic Goal #2: Health and Well-being for All, Strategic Goal #3: Safe Community, and Strategic Goal #5: Accountable, Efficient, and Visionary Government.

**Resource Persons:** Jim Groves, OES Director and David McNulty, OES Business Services Manager

**County Manager's 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.

County Manager: \_\_\_\_\_