



## Legislation Text

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**Item:**

**Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 21BC000008- Recognizing Coronavirus Relief Funds Received from the State Board of Elections to the Durham County Board of Elections (\$277,268)**

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

**Request for Board Action:**

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No.21BCC000008 recognizing \$277,268 of Coronavirus Relief Funds (CARES) received from the North Carolina State Board of Elections. In addition, The Board of Elections is applying for reimbursement funds through the Help America Vote Funds (HAVA). These funds will provide at a minimum of \$10,000, and not to exceed \$250,000.

The Coronavirus Relief Funds are a subgrant to support eligible expenses related to the 2020 General Election, to the Durham County Board of Elections in accordance with House Bill 1169. These funds will cover additional costs related to the execution of the forthcoming election incurred in response to the coronavirus pandemic. All expenses incurred against the subgrant will be tracked consistent with federal, state, and county guidelines. Funding allocated by this subgrant must be expended by December 31, 2020.

Additional funds will be available at a minimum of \$10,000, not to exceed \$250,000, as reimbursements against HAVA funds through the State Board of Elections consistent with the provisions of House Bill 1169. Expenses eligible for reimbursement from this funding are those incurred to improve the administration of federal elections, as authorized under HAVA Title I, Section 101. All expenses requested for reimbursement will be tracked consistent with federal, state, and county guidelines. Reimbursement requests against this subgrant may be made until June 30, 2021. As of now these funds will be sought for reimbursement of existing County budgeted funds. However due to the rapidly changing situation surrounding the upcoming election, the Board of Elections may request the Board to increase their expenditure budget at a future date.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** Goal 5

**Resource Persons:** Derek L. Bowens, Elections Director; Crystally Wright, Compliance Manager; Claudia Odom Hager, General Manager

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No.21BCC000008 recognizing \$277 268 of Coronavirus Relief Funds (CARES) received from the North Carolina State Board of Elections.

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