

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #20xxx

BY: Commissioner David T. Woodward, Chairperson, Pandemic Response and Economic Recovery Committee

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – ESTABLISHMENT OF OAKLAND TOGETHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM AND ALLOCATION OF CARES ACT FUNDING

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS the economic hardship caused by COVID-19 has been rapid and far reaching across Oakland County; and

WHEREAS Oakland County's local governments and their front-line essential services employees have been an integral partner in the implementation of Oakland County's coordinated strategies for COVID-19 public health/emergency response and economic recovery; and

WHEREAS many of Oakland County's local governments are experiencing unplanned new costs associated with COVID-19 response as well as adjusting services/operations to comply with social distancing public health regulations; and

WHEREAS the County of Oakland was allocated \$219,438,710 under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act's (CARES Act) Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) to respond directly to the emergency as well as expenditures incurred to respond to second-order effects of the emergency; and

WHEREAS the County has retained outside expert counsel in Pierce Monroe & Associates assisted by Guidehouse (formerly PwC) to ensure compliance with the CARES Act and full utilization of federal funding resources; and

WHEREAS these funds may only be used to cover costs that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency; were not accounted for in a budget approved as of March 27, 2020; are not government revenue replacements; and are incurred by December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS the guidance provided by the U.S. Treasury in "Coronavirus Relief Fund, Frequently Asked Questions" dated May 4, 2020, indicates that a county may but is not required to allocate funds to a local government within the county; and

WHEREAS "Local Government" means:

1. City
2. Village
3. Township
4. Authority or commission established by a county, village, city, or township resolution, motion, ordinance, or charter
5. Authority or organization of government established by law that may expend funds of the authority or organization; and

WHEREAS the establishment of an Oakland Together Local Government Partnership grant program with an allocation of \$35,000,000 of CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds would provide an opportunity for Oakland County to aid local government jurisdictions experiencing a significant financial burden related directly to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS the establishment of a bipartisan Oakland Together Local Government Partnership Oversight Committee would provide an opportunity for members of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and Oakland County Executive's Administration to collaborate in the development and administration of a fair and equitable grant application review and recommendation process in consultation with expert counsel and health experts and emergency operations officers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the creation of the "Oakland Together Local Government Partnership" program for the purpose of offering Oakland County local governments grant funding for CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) eligible expenses. Local governments (as defined above) in Oakland County are eligible for consideration for funding. Funds are only made available if the "Local Government" and any approved, eligible public entities have expenditures that meet the requirements of the Coronavirus Relief Fund as provided by the U.S. Treasury.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the attached application for reimbursements for COVID-19 related expenses for Oakland County local cities, villages, and townships is authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners has hereby established the Oakland Together Local Government Partnership Program Oversight Committee. The Committee shall consist of:

- 1) A County Commissioner from the majority party; and an alternate
- 2) A County Commissioner from the minority party; and an alternate
- 3) Two appointees of the Oakland County Executive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Oversight Committee shall be charged with the development, determination of eligible applicants, release, review and recommendation of a grant application process for the Partnership Program. In the conduct of their work, the Committee shall consult with appropriate outside and internal counsel and staff for compliance with federal and state regulations. In addition, the Committee shall consult with County public health experts and emergency operations, to ensure grant planning and priority funding are consistent with current COVID-19 response and recovery strategies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Oversight Committee may develop specific applications for the following public entities including but not limited to:

- a. Local libraries
- b. Senior Centers
- c. Community Centers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED in the development of the distribution plan for Partnership Program, the Oversight Committee shall consider:

- 1) population within Oakland County according to the U.S. Census Bureau's most recent American Community Survey (2018)
- 2) the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in each respective jurisdiction
- 3) the number of confirmed COVID-19 fatalities in each respective jurisdiction
- 4) disproportionate community impact and related costs
- 5) conformance with County COVID-19 pandemic response and recovery strategies
- 6) timeline for expenditure of funds to address immediate needs
- 7) strict conformance with CARES Act CRF guidelines
- 8) other factors the Committee adopts, if disclosed in the grant application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the allocation and appropriation of \$35,000,000 in CARES Act (CRF) Funds for the Oakland Together Local Government Partnership Program. The release of funds for this program is contingent upon approval by the Board of the interlocal agreements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FY 2020 budget be amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND (#10100)

FY 2020

Project: 100000003202 Bud Ref: 2020 Activity: GLB Analysis: GLB

Revenue

9010101-133095-610313 Federal Operating Grants \$ 35,000,000

Total Revenue \$ 35,000,000

Expenditures

9010101-133095-762011 Transfer to Local Governments \$35,000,000

Total Expenditures \$35,000,000

Chairperson, on behalf of the Pandemic Response and Economic Recovery Committee, I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

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