

# FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 17, 2020

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 10A - 10B

- SUBJECT:**
- A. RESOLUTION APPROVING FORSYTH COUNTY'S FINAL AMENDED CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND PLAN AND ITS SUBMISSION TO THE NORTH CAROLINA PANDEMIC RECOVERY OFFICE**
  - B. AMENDMENT TO THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE TO INCREASE REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS**

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:** Recommend Approval

### SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The Coronavirus Relief Fund deadline to spend funds is December 30, 2020. In order to fully utilize the allocation Forsyth County received, this Resolution allows the County Manager to adjust the allocation if there are any surplus funds or interest earnings remaining. The surplus funds and earnings will be re-allocated to payroll expenses, and the final amended plan will be sent to the North Carolina Pandemic Recovery Office. The GPO amendment will allow the County to expend an interest earnings accrued and received before December 30, 2020.

ATTACHMENTS:

YES

NO

SIGNATURE:

*J. Dudley Watts, Jr. /AMS*  
COUNTY MANAGER

DATE:

December 15, 2020

**RESOLUTION APPROVING FORSYTH COUNTY'S FINAL AMENDED  
CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND PLAN AND ITS SUBMISSION TO THE  
NORTH CAROLINA PANDEMIC RECOVERY OFFICE**

**WHEREAS** Congress enacted P.L. 116-136 on March 27, 2020, which established the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund ("CRF") and distributed funds to States and localities with populations over 500,000, including North Carolina and 4 North Carolina local governments;

**WHEREAS** on May 4, 2020, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted Session Law 2020-04, which established a \$150 million fund to be distributed to the 97 counties that did not receive direct CRF funds;

**WHEREAS** on July 1, 2020, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted Session Law 2020-80, which amended Session Law 2020-04 and increased to \$300 million the CRF funds to be distributed to the 97 counties that did not receive direct CRF funds and required each such county to allocate at least 25 percent of such funds for use by municipalities within the county for allowable uses;

**WHEREAS** Forsyth County received \$13,889,626 from two allocations of CRF funds from the General Assembly, and is required to share such funds with municipalities; and

**WHEREAS** Forsyth County must submit a revised plan to the North Carolina Pandemic Recovery Office, a part of the Office of State Budget and Management, in order to receive and spend the \$13,889,626 to address necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS** the County Manager recommended that the County's CRF funds be used as follows:

Testing	\$500,000
PPE/Sanitary Supplies	\$450,000
Enhanced Outreach	\$200,000
Business Grants & Support	\$200,000
Payroll Expenditures	\$9,067,219
Municipality Grants	\$3,472,407

**WHEREAS** potential surpluses within the County and municipal Plans will be realized before December 30, 2020, when the CRF dollars must be expended and interest earnings accrued on CRF cash balances;

**WHEREAS** the County Manager recommends that any remaining CRF dollars not expended by the County or municipalities and any interest earnings accrued be allocated towards payroll expenditures by December 30, 2020;

**WHEREAS** due to the unknown surplus and interest earnings amount as of this adoption, the County Manager would amend the CRF Plan and CRF Grant Project Ordinance, submit it to NCPRO, and provide the final amended CRF Plan to the Forsyth County Board of County Commissioners in report form at the earliest subsequent meeting;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners that the Chairman or the County Manager and the Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to submit, on behalf of Forsyth County, the County's final amended Plan, to utilize its \$13,889,626 allocation plus additional interest earnings of the North Carolina Coronavirus Relief Fund to the North Carolina Pandemic Recovery Office;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners that the County Manager is authorized to amend the Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant Project Ordinance to appropriate any remaining surpluses and interest earnings to County payroll expenditures in the Fiscal Year 2020-21, as allowed by the CARES Act; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners that the Chairman or the County Manager and the Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to execute agreements, on behalf of Forsyth County, with vendors and other parties to use the CRF funds for the purposes set forth above, including acquiring, providing, and distributing various supplies and services, pursuant to NCGS 143-129(e)(2) or otherwise as required by law, subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon by the County Chief Financial Officer, if applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney.

Adopted this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.

**FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
AMENDMENT TO  
CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND GRANT PROJECTS ORDINANCE**

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FROM: BUDGET & MANAGEMENT

MEETING DATE: December 17, 2020

**EXPLANATION:**

Forsyth County has received \$13,889,626 to establish the 2020 COVID-19 Grant Projects Ordinance (GPO). The Board of Commissioners has allocated these funds for testing, PPE/sanitary supplies, enhanced outreach, business grants, payroll expenditures, and grants to municipalities.

The Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) has accrued and received interest earnings throughout the life of this grant. United States Treasury guidance allows for the use of these interest earnings on any purpose within the scope of the CRF. This agenda item would appropriate \$12,000 in interest earnings to be allocated towards payroll expenses.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT THE  
CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND GRANT PROJECTS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY AMENDED  
AS FOLLOWS:

INCREASE:	<u>REVENUES</u>	
	INTEREST EARNINGS	<u>\$12,000</u>
INCREASE:	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
	PAYROLL EXPENSES	<u>\$12,000</u>

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NATURE OF TRANSACTION:  
 Additional Revenue Available  
 Transfer within Accounts of  
Same fund  
 Other:

APPROVED BY BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS AND ENTERED ON  
MINUTES DATED \_\_\_\_\_  
AGENDA ITEM NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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