# CARES Act Funding

Guilford County, NC

May 7, 2020



### Federal Grant Guidance

### **Funding Priorities**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Order Effects
  - Direct expenses due to Covid-19
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Effects
  - Unintended consequences of Covid-19 strategies

The 1st recipient (Guilford County) is held accountable for proper use and accounting

### Federal Grant Guidance

CARES Act requires payments from the fund that:

- 1. Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)
- Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 for the State or government; and
- Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

# Non-Exclusive Examples

- Medical expenses
- Public health expenses
- Payroll expenses (overtime, public safety, health department)
- Actions to facilitate compliance with public health measures
- Expenses associated with provision of economic support
- Other COVID-19 related expenses

# Non-Allowed Expenses

- Damages covered by insurance
- Payroll for non-covid related staffing
- Reimbursement of expenses under other CARES funding allocations
- Reimbursement to donors for donated goods
- Workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime
- Severance pay
- Legal settlements
- Revenue offsets

# Guilford County Organizational Priorities

- Distribute funds within the parameters of the CARES Act
- Provide for a transparent funding distribution
- Ensure an equitable process for funding allocations
- Focus on long term recovery and resiliency
- Build in administrative support to efficiently implement the CARES program

# Funding Strategies



**Expense Reimbursement for Guilford County** 



Mitigation and Preparedness Costs for future COVID Needs



**Community Lifeline Support** 



**Local Business Support** 

## Expense Reimbursement for Guilford County

- Funding to reimburse eligible expenses already spent responding to COVID-19
  - COVID-19 Testing
  - Decontamination Reimbursement
  - Quarantine and Isolation Costs
  - Paid Sick and Family Leave
  - Eligible Staff Time
  - Eligible Contract Costs
  - Eligible Materials and Equipment

# Mitigation and Preparedness Costs

- Departmental modifications for social distancing
- Building and vehicle decontamination systems
- Public Health lab and clinic modifications
- Emergency medical transportation
- Personal protective equipment purchases
- Teleworking infrastructure for County Operations
- Safe elections enhancements
- Telemedicine Expansion

## Community Lifeline Support

- Distance Learning Infrastructure for schools
- Existing and future costs for:
  - Care for Homeless Populations
  - Foodbank Support
  - County Fire Department Support
  - Other Non-Profit Social Service Agency Support

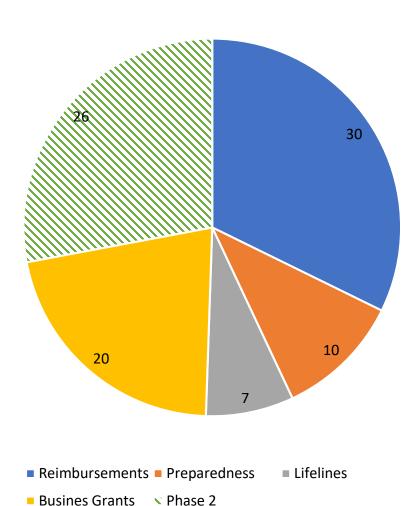
### Local Business Support

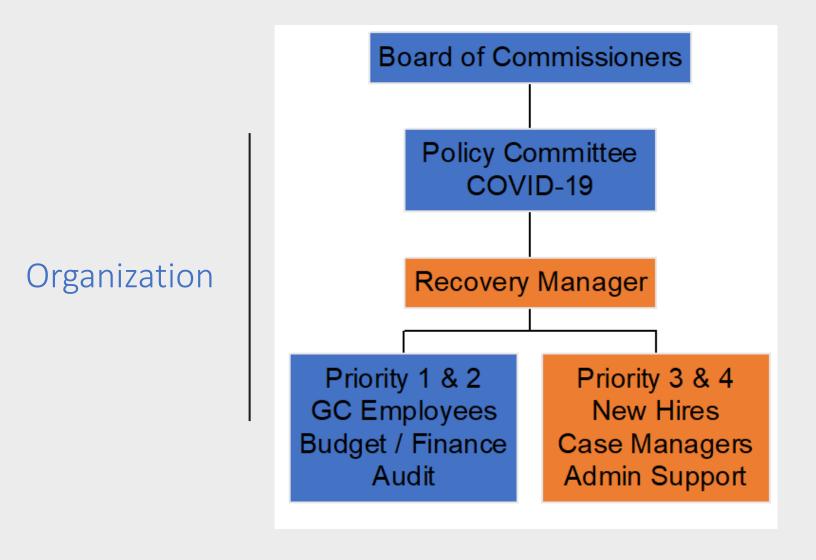
- Grants to Small Business
  - Focus on locally owned, small businesses
  - A transparent framework for distribution
  - Potential requirements for grant recipients
  - Based on the Federal PPP model
  - An efficient application process
- Recovery Manager and Staffing

# Initial Funding Allocations

- Total Funding:
  - \$93.7 Million
- Phase 1 allocation: 67mil
  - Reimbursements: 30mil
  - Preparedness: 10mil
  - Lifeline Support: 7mil
  - Business Grants: 20mil
- Phase 2 allocation: 26.7mil

### **Initial Allocations**





## Community Recovery Operations

- Local Recovery Manager
  - Administrative Assistant
  - Communications Manager
  - Case Manager(s)
  - Documentation Specialist

## Recovery Timeline

#### Develop a Framework

(April - May)

Determine the framework, strategies, and funding priorities for the COVID-19 Recovery Funding



#### Approve the Framework (May)

Through the Guilford County Board of Commissioners, have the COVID-19 Recovery Framework approved and begin implementation

### Build the Infrastructure

(May - June)

Implement the administrative and structual features required to implement the COVID-19 Recovery Plan such as staffing, processes, and policies.



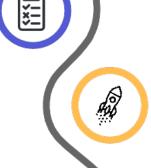
(May - June)

Begin implementation of the recovery strategies to include upgrades, reimbursements and community grants.

### **Grant Applications**

(June - July)

Receive grant applications from eligible entities for recovery funding.



#### **Distribute Funding**

(July - November)

Distribute community funding based on approved applications and pre-existing funding prioritizations.

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