



Lake County CARES Act Funds

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CARES Act Funds

- In April 2020, Lake County received \$121.5 million from the federal government as part of the \$2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Act (CARES Act) to help with the public health and economic impacts of COVID-19.
- According to the CARES Act, the funds must be used for expenses due to COVID-19.
- As the governing body that approves Lake County Government's budget and all financial matters, the Lake County Board is responsible for determining how the \$121.5 million will be used and dispersed in accordance to the CARES Act.

F&A Special Committee on COVID-19 Recovery

- The Lake County Board formed the F&A Special Committee on COVID-19 Recovery that met for the first time on May 15, 2020.
- The Committee provides guidance and strategic priorities to County Administration for the planning and execution of the various federal COVID response funds provided to Lake County.
- The Special Committee initially met weekly to rapidly evaluate options and act to fund initiatives to help the community 'move forward' from COVID-19. These meetings are open to the public. Notice of upcoming meetings can be found on the County's online calendar at lakecountyil.gov.

Passed: \$30 million for rental, utility, food and small business assistance

- At its June 9 and July 14, 2020 meetings, the Lake County Board passed resolutions authorizing emergency appropriations of CARES Act funds totaling \$30 million for rental, utility, food and small business assistance as well as reimbursements of municipality and county-incurred COVID-19 expenses. The breakdown is below:
 - \$10 million Small Business Assistance
 - \$10 million Municipality and Fire Protection District Reimbursement
 - \$4 million Rental Assistance
 - \$2 million Food Insecurity
 - \$1 million Utility Assistance
 - \$1 million Safety Kits for Community
 - \$2 million Lake County COVID-19 Expenses

Lake County Small Business Assistance COVID-19 Grant Program

- The Lake County Board has allocated \$10 million to fund the Lake County Small Business Assistance COVID-19 Grant Program.
- From July 7 to July 20, 2020, Lake County small businesses may apply online for up to \$30,000 to cover up to four months of occupancy costs (rent, mortgage, utilities) as well as expenses incurred due to COVID-19 (new equipment, plexiglass, masks, sanitization services/materials, employee training, etc.).
- [Lake County Partners](#) is administering the program, with final grant approval and dispersing of funds performed by Lake County.
- Lake County small businesses may view eligibility requirements and apply online at lakecountyil.gov/forward.

Future Relief & Recovery Programs

The Special Committee has been discussing guidelines to disperse additional funding to continue with recovery efforts throughout Lake County. Future programs and phases will be reviewed by the Special Committee, the F&A Committee and will be granted final approval by the Lake County Board.

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- Learn more about Lake County's collaborative, whole-of-government initiative for community health and economic recovery as Lake County accelerates through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic: lakecountyil.gov/forward
- Latest COVID-19 updates: lakecountyil.gov/coronavirus
- Lake County COVID-19 data: lakecountyil.gov/covid19data
- Residents in need of help can call 2-1-1, or visit 211lakecounty.org