

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 20-09-29-06

In the Matter of Authorizing up to \$2,225,000 in Coronavirus Relief Funds through the CARES Act to Respond to the Effects of COVID-19, and for Authorizing the County Administrator to Contract for Goods and Services for Expenditure of the Funds.

**WHEREAS**, a new Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) and the disease it can cause in human beings is termed COVID-19 and was first identified in November, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic on March 11, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States, the Governor of Oregon, and the Board of County Commissioners have declared COVID19 to be an emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has signed four pandemic response bills, with total funding in excess of \$2,000,000,000,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Oregon has passed through to each local government an allocation of Coronavirus Relief Fund, a fund established by Congress in HR 748 (CARES Act) which must be spent by December 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Lane County was allocated \$16,084,085.62 and has to-date received four reimbursements from the State account in Lane County's name totaling \$10,063,096; and

**WHEREAS**, a staff planning group continues to monitor the spending rate from this account and is recommending a suite of six discreet programs that will benefit various constituencies within Lane County that continue to be impacted by the pandemic.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

1. The Lane County Administrator is delegated authority up to \$2.225M in Coronavirus Relief Funds through the CARES Act in order to respond to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and is authorized to contract for goods and services for expenditure of the funds. The approved programs are as follows:
  - a. Business Assistance Grant (\$400,000)
  - b. Housing Assistance Grant (\$1,250,000)
  - c. Childcare Assistance Grant (\$250,000)
  - d. Workforce Development Grant (\$100,000)
  - e. Foreclosure Prevention Grant (\$75,000)
  - f. Lane County Technology Assistance Grant (\$150,000)
2. The authority granted the County Administrator under this Order will not impact the remaining spending authority the Administrator has been granted through Board Order 20-03-31-09.

3. The Lane County Administrator will monitor the outcomes of this funding and report back to the Board of Commissioners during 2021 on outcomes, lessons learned, and ongoing needs in these arenas related to the pandemic.

**ADOPTED** this 29th day of September, 2020.



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Heather Buch, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners