



Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners
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DHHS - Social Services Division Board Action

File #: 20-377

Commissioner Chad Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal CARES ACT Funds to Assist with COVID Related Expenses for Adult and Children Protective Services in the Amount of \$327,899

STAFF CONTACT

Angela Karchmer - Social Services Director - 704-862-7930

BUDGET IMPACT

Appropriate Federal revenues. No additional County funds.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

Increase Federal revenues by \$327,899 and appropriate \$327,899 into Special Project account.

BACKGROUND

The General Assembly passed Session Law 2020-4, the 2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act, which appropriated Federal CARES Act Funding allocated to county DSS agencies to support additional Adult Protective Services/Child Protective Services costs related to workforce shortfalls. These funds are made available effective March 1, 2020 and must be expensed by December 30, 2020.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request (BCR), Notification Letter and Allocation Calculation

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	CBrown	JBrown	AFraley	BHovis	Tkelgher	TEhilbeck	RWerley	Vote
2020-216	08/25/2020	RW	JB	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	U

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A=AYE, N=NAY, AB=ABSENT, ABS=ABSTAIN, U=UNANIMOUS

GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST

TO: Dr. Kim S. Eagle COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: 4790 DHHS-Social Services

Dept. # Department Name

Angela Karchmer 8/7/2020

Department Director's Name Date

TYPE OF REQUEST:

☐ Line Item Transfer Within Department & Fund

☐ Line Item Transfer Between Funds *

☐ Project Transfer Within Department & Fund

☒ Additional Appropriation of Funds *

☐ Line Item Transfer Between Departments *

* Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION (As it appears in the budget)	ACCOUNT NUMBER Fund - Function - Dept - Division - Object - Project xxx - xx - xxxx - xxxx - xxxxx - xxxxxx	AMOUNT Whole Dollars Only (See Note Below)
CARES ACT- APS/CPS	020-05-4790-0000-420000-21542	(\$327,899)
CARES ACT- APS/CPS	020-05-4790-0000-560000-21542	\$327,899

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

The General Assembly passed Session Law 2020-4, the 2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act, which appropriated federal CARES Act funding allocated to county DSS agencies to support additional Adult Protective Services/Child Protective Services costs related to workforce shortfalls. These funds are made available effective March 1, 2020 and must be expensed by 12/30/2020.

Note: Decreases in expenditures & increases in revenue accounts require brackets. Increases in expenditures & decreases in revenue do not require brackets. Please note that transfers between funds require interfund transfer accounts.



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

ROY COOPER • Governor

MANDY COHEN, MD, MPH • Secretary

SUSAN OSBORNE • Assistant Secretary for County Operations for
Human Services

July 14, 2020

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, FISCAL OFFICERS

**SUBJECT: FEDERAL CARES ACT FUNDING – APS/CPS Essential Worker Additional
Costs – Guidance and Clarification**

REQUIRED ACTION: ☐ Information Only ☐ Time Sensitive ☒ **Immediate**

PURPOSE

The General Assembly passed Session Law 2020-4, the 2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act, which appropriated federal CARES Act funding to include \$8.3 million allocated to county DSS agencies to support additional Adult Protective Services/Child Protective Services costs. These funds are made available effective March 1, 2020 and must be expensed by 12/30/2020.

Use of Funds

- Can only be used to pay additional, previously unbudgeted costs associated with pandemic-driven workforce shortfalls.
- Cannot be used to supplant current funding streams.
- Can be used to pay overtime, paid comp time, temporary/time-limited worker costs. We are in discussions with NCPRO as to allowability of hazard pay. We will update as that information becomes available.
- Used for:
APS Evaluations, Planning, Mobilizing services.
CPS Investigations, Assessment, In-Home services.
- Overtime/Compensatory time expenditures paid due to staff shortages caused by COVID-19 illness, quarantine, care for COVID positive family members, closed child-care, closed schools during the eligibility period.
- Cost of additional temporary workers hired due to staff shortages, increase in referrals related to schools and senior facilities reopening.
- Cost of hired contract staff needed due to staffing shortages, increase in referrals related to schools and senior facilities reopening.
- Current guidance directs that funds must be expensed by the Department by December 30, 2020. In order to meet that timeline, counties will need to submit final costs on the December 15th, 1571 submission. Discussions continue with NCPRO concerning potential for December costs submission. We will update additional information as that becomes available.

NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES • DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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Accessing Funds / Requesting Reimbursement

Counties will receive a Funding Authorization with per-county allocation proportional to CPS/APS assessments in 2019. Attached is the per-county allocation calculation. These expenses will be claimed for reimbursement through the NC-CoReLS/1571 system, via new APS 203 and CPS 213 Part II service codes, application codes 303 and 309. A revised SIS Manual to include these codes/definitions will be posted shortly. Funds are available retroactive to March 1, 2020 via prior period adjustment. Counties must maintain documentation to support appropriate use and expense.

If you have questions or need clarification about these funds, please contact your Local Business Liaison.

Sincerely,



Richard Stegenga
Deputy Director, Business Operations
Division of Social Services

Cc: Susan G. Osborne, Assistant Secretary for County Operations
Zachary E. Wortman, Chief Operating Officer, Human Services
Lisa Tucker Cauley, Deputy Director for Child Welfare Services
Karey Perez, Adult Services Section Chief
Hank Bowers, Assistant Director for Aging and Adult Services

Attachment: APS/CPS County Funding Detail

BG-09-2020

COVID - APS/CPS Essential Worker - Additional Costs Funding

County	# CPS/APS Combined	% of total APS/CPS Assessments (Combined)	Allocation
ALAMANCE	1395	1.6%	\$133,670
ALEXANDER	396	0.5%	\$37,945
ALLEGHANY	109	0.1%	\$10,444
ANSON	211	0.2%	\$20,218
ASHE	319	0.4%	\$30,567
AVERY	99	0.1%	\$9,486
BEAUFORT	622	0.7%	\$59,601
BERTIE	146	0.2%	\$13,990
BLADEN	271	0.3%	\$25,967
BRUNSWICK	988	1.1%	\$94,671
BUNCOMBE	2964	3.4%	\$284,013
BURKE	1121	1.3%	\$107,415
CABARRUS	1452	1.7%	\$139,132
CALDWELL	958	1.1%	\$91,796
CAMDEN	56	0.1%	\$5,366
CARTERET	668	0.8%	\$64,008
CASWELL	211	0.2%	\$20,218
CATAWBA	2067	2.4%	\$198,062
CHATHAM	370	0.4%	\$35,454
CHEROKEE	350	0.4%	\$33,537
CHOWAN	108	0.1%	\$10,349
CLAY	138	0.2%	\$13,223
CLEVELAND	1342	1.5%	\$128,592
COLUMBUS	435	0.5%	\$41,682
CRAVEN	750	0.9%	\$71,866
CUMBERLAND	3821	4.4%	\$366,131
CURRITUCK	250	0.3%	\$23,955
DARE	213	0.2%	\$20,410
DAVIDSON	1653	1.9%	\$158,392
DAVIE	343	0.4%	\$32,867
DUPLIN	591	0.7%	\$56,630
DURHAM	1780	2.1%	\$170,561
EDGECOMBE	523	0.6%	\$50,114
FORSYTH	2554	2.9%	\$244,726
FRANKLIN	148	0.2%	\$14,181
GASTON	3422	4.0%	\$327,899
GATES	51	0.1%	\$4,887
GRAHAM	134	0.2%	\$12,840
GRANVILLE	406	0.5%	\$38,903
GREENE	143	0.2%	\$13,702
GUILFORD	3099	3.6%	\$296,949

County	# CPS/APS Combined	% of total APS/CPS Assessments (Combined)	Allocation
HALIFAX	393	0.5%	\$37,658
HARNETT	927	1.1%	\$88,826
HAYWOOD	691	0.8%	\$66,212
HENDERSON	1216	1.4%	\$116,518
HERTFORD	150	0.2%	\$14,373
HOKE	578	0.7%	\$55,384
HYDE	27	0.0%	\$2,587
IREDELL	1311	1.5%	\$125,621
JACKSON	365	0.4%	\$34,975
JOHNSTON	1244	1.4%	\$119,201
JONES	85	0.1%	\$8,145
LEE	269	0.3%	\$25,776
LENOIR	528	0.6%	\$50,593
LINCOLN	794	0.9%	\$76,082
MACON	190	0.2%	\$18,206
MADISON	165	0.2%	\$15,810
MARTIN	218	0.3%	\$20,889
MCDOWELL	525	0.6%	\$50,306
MECKLENBURG	9134	10.5%	\$875,227
MITCHELL	221	0.3%	\$21,176
MONTGOMERY	261	0.3%	\$25,009
MOORE	838	1.0%	\$80,298
NASH	577	0.7%	\$55,289
NEW HANOVER	3064	3.5%	\$293,595
NORTHAMPTON	111	0.1%	\$10,636
ONSLOW	2422	2.8%	\$232,078
ORANGE	697	0.8%	\$66,787
PAMLICO	79	0.1%	\$7,570
PASQUOTANK	280	0.3%	\$26,830
PENDER	590	0.7%	\$56,534
PERQUIMANS	76	0.1%	\$7,282
PERSON	291	0.3%	\$27,884
PITT	1224	1.4%	\$117,285
POLK	225	0.3%	\$21,560
RANDOLPH	1179	1.4%	\$112,973
RICHMOND	730	0.8%	\$69,949
ROBESON	2200	2.5%	\$210,806
ROCKINGHAM	1190	1.4%	\$114,027
ROWAN	1696	2.0%	\$162,512
RUTHERFORD	1081	1.2%	\$103,582
SAMPSON	621	0.7%	\$59,505
SCOTLAND	399	0.5%	\$38,233
STANLY	570	0.7%	\$54,618

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STOKES	354	0.4%	\$33,921
SURRY	415	0.5%	\$39,766
SWAIN	177	0.2%	\$16,960
TRANSYLVANIA	395	0.5%	\$37,849
TYRRELL	41	0.0%	\$3,929
UNION	1234	1.4%	\$118,243
VANCE	402	0.5%	\$38,520
WAKE	4097	4.7%	\$392,578
WARREN	63	0.1%	\$6,037
WASHINGTON	87	0.1%	\$8,336
WATAUGA	136	0.2%	\$13,032
WAYNE	1052	1.2%	\$100,804
WILKES	855	1.0%	\$81,927
WILSON	770	0.9%	\$73,782
YADKIN	271	0.3%	\$25,967
YANCEY	162	0.2%	\$15,523
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