



# San Benito County

Budget and Coronavirus Relief Fund ACT–  
Update

# Local Emergency

- ▶ On March 6, 2020, the County Administrative Officer proclaimed a local emergency effective immediately.
- ▶ On March 10, 2020, the Board adopted a resolution ratifying and extending the County Administrative Officer's Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency.
- ▶ On March 16, 2020 at a special Board Meeting; The Board Allocated 1 – million of the **Disaster Recovery Budget Unit in the General Fund**.
  - Emergency funds designated to CAO to spend up to 1 million to respond to the declared local emergency.

# CARES ACT– CRF

- ▶ CARES Act into law on March 27, 2020.
- ▶ The State required certifications, reporting, and to adhere to federal guidance and the state's stay-at-home requirements
- ▶ San Benito County's share of the State's CARES Act fund is \$6,357,463 to be spent on necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency. Distribution from the state began at the end of July 2021.



# State's Distribution CARES Act

Date	Amount
End of July 2020 (1 / 6th)	\$1,059,577
August (1 / 6th)	\$1,059,577
September (1 / 6th)	\$1,059,577
October (1 / 2 )	\$3,178,269
Total (allocation)	\$6,357,000

# CARES ACT Budget

	Program	Amount
1	Business Grant Program	\$ 1,535,000
2	Business Facility Readiness Program (Round 1 & 2)	\$ 290,333
3	Non-Profit Relief Fund (Round 1 & 2)	\$ 639,333
4	Community Programs Relief Fund	\$ 24,000
5	Public Assistance Program	\$ 407,000
6	Community Mask Initiative	\$ 16,000
7	Great Plates Programs	\$ 98,407
8	COVID-19 Testing	\$ 318,200
9	Personal Protective Equipment	\$ 609,959
10	IT Infrastructure	\$ 1,050,700
11	Elections	\$ 110,000
12	General County Expenditures	\$ 1,258,531
	<b>Total allocation</b>	<b>\$6, 357, 463</b>

**Business/nonprofits grant  
Programs \$2,464,000**

## 39% of CARES ACT

**Overview:** To assist business and non-profits impacted by COVID-19.

1. Small business assistance grants: \$5,000; \$10,000; and \$15,000.
2. Non-profit Relief Fund.
3. Outdoor Facility readiness partnership with City of Hollister and City of San Juan
4. Round 2: Winterization to include the unincorporated



# Community programing and assistance \$1,474,000

## ▶ ***23% of CARES ACT***

- Cloth mask for the community; Drive through distribution on April 25, 2020;
- Community Program Grants;
- Rental assistance;
- Hotel vouchers;
- Food programs;
- Great Plates (county's match obligation)
- COVID-19 Testing



# County programs and expenditures \$2,419,000

## ▶ *38% of CARES ACT*

- Personal Protective Equipment:
  - Supported local first responders (AMR, HPD, Hollister Fire, SO), Hazel Hawkins Hospital, City of Hollister, City of San Juan, Nursing homes, and County Departments.
- Expenses to improve telework capabilities for public employees.
- November 2021 Primary Election.
- General County Expenditures.



# Town Halls & Outreach Industry Focus Groups

- ▶ Facilitated eleven sector specific focus groups
  - Construction, landscaping, gardening, agriculture, ranching, hospitality & food, relators, professionals and financial; Retail; Manufacturing; personal care; non-profits; Faith Based; and Spanish.
- ▶ Virtual Town Hall: COVID-19 updates

# California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program

- ▶ [careliefgrant.com/](https://careliefgrant.com/)
- ▶ Anticipate issuing (2) rounds of distributions:
  - Round 1 – approximately \$237.5 million
  - Round 2 – approximately \$237.5 million
- \* Round 1 closing January 13, 2021 at 11:59 PM PST

Eligible Businesses Annual Revenue	Grant Amount Available Per Business
\$1,000 to \$100,000	\$5,000
Greater than \$100,000 up to \$1,000,000	\$15,000
Greater than \$1,000,000 up to \$2,500,000	\$25,000

# Grow San Benito County Loan Fund

- ▶ <https://www.accesspluscapital.com/>
- ▶ **Emergency Microloan Fund**
  - Must be located within San Benito County
  - Between 1–10 employees
  - Have been in
  - \$5,000– \$25,000
  - Interest Rate: 2.44%
  - Revenues do not exceed \$2,000,000.
  - Be in business for a minimum of 1–year.
  - Current on federal income taxes with no state, federal tax liens.

# Discussion Great Plates Program

- ▶ The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) program has authorized the Great Plates Delivered program through February 6, 2021.
- ▶ Delivered has two purposes:
  - Help seniors and other adults at high risk from COVID-19 to stay home and stay healthy by delivering three nutritious meals a day
  - Provide essential economic stimulus to local businesses struggling to stay afloat during the COVID-19 crisis
- ▶ Expended \$748,908
  - FED/State share is 93.75% and the local match is 6.25%.

# Discussion

- ▶ COVID-19 Testing
  - \$50,000 (if fee is \$100, can support 500 test)
- ▶ Possible round 2, Business Grants
  - Disaster Recovery Budget (increased appropriations–4/5 vote)
  - Keep a reserve of Disaster Recovery Budget to respond to unforeseen local disasters.
  - Authorized an amount not to exceed \$750,000

# Board Direction

1. Provide staff direction on the Great Plates program.
2. Provide staff direction on COVID-19 Testing and funding amount.
3. Provide staff direction on the second round of Business Grants and total amount.
4. Delegate Authority to CAO or designee, and Auditor, to take all necessary steps including budget amendments (increased appropriations-4/5 vote), to the Disaster Recovery Budget Unit in the General Fund to execute the COVID-19 programing as designated by the Board, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000
5. Delegate Authority to CAO to approve and execute contracts or purchase orders for goods and services over \$50,000 with the ad-hoc members' approval and subject to County Counsel's review; and
6. Authorize waiver of the County's competitive purchase process for personal property and services, with consent from ad-hoc members, for expeditious use of disaster relief fund to address the Public Health and Public Safety Impacts Of COVID-19.
7. Provide Staff direction on enforcement of public health orders, future ordinances, and meeting dates.

# Questions

