



## **Board Summary Report**

**Date:** December 1, 2020

**To:** Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Todd Weaver, Finance Director

**Subject:** Resolution increasing the reimbursement for the District Attorney's Office for COVID-19 related expenses with CARES Act Funds

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### **Request and Recommendation**

Staff is seeking approval of an resolution authorizing the County Finance Department to reimburse the District Attorney's Office up to \$200,000 for telework, personal protective equipment (PPE), and cleaning and sanitizing expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic utilizing Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding subject to verification and approval by the County Finance Department, based on proof of expenses and a letter of certification from the District Attorney's Office.

### **Background**

The \$2.2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 provided \$150 billion for state and local government relief. The State of Colorado received \$2.23 billion, with the state retaining 55% of the funds, while eligible local governments received 45% of the funds. Arapahoe County received a direct allocation of \$114,569,891.70 and allocated 45% of its funds – more than \$51 million – to the county's 13 municipalities.

The Board of County Commissioners adopted the following objectives to coordinate Arapahoe County's response and recovery efforts, including how to use CARES funding:

- Support the economic recovery of our residents and businesses across the county.
- Protect the health and well-being of county and municipal employees.
- Increase access to effective and efficient testing methods.
- Support the most vulnerable residents across the county.
- Educate regarding personal responsibility, situational awareness, and preventive actions including continued social distancing, avoidance of large gatherings, and supports for high risk populations to remain in safe environments.
- Establish data-driven decision-making model to assess public health, hospital surge and capacity, and economic success.
- Fund direct COVID-19 costs in a manner that minimizes county liability, recognizing multiple grant streams and funding opportunities.

Arapahoe County retained approximately \$63 million to fund programs that align with the objectives above, consistent with requirements of the legislation and implementation guidance established by the U.S. Treasury.

The District Attorney's Office reach out to the County to inquire about assistance with expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic including telework, personal protective equipment (PPE), and cleaning and sanitizing expenses. The Finance Department will review and verify each reimbursement request prior to approval for reimbursement. Staff recommends support of the resolution in order to utilize funds prior to Dec. 30, 2020.

**Fiscal Impact**

This memorandum of understanding would draw down up to \$200,000 in appropriated CARES funding rather than the originally approved \$100,000 from the October 27, 2020 agenda item.

**Reviewed By**

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