

# COUNTY OF STOKES

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To: Board of Commissioners

Re: Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) County Plan

From: Jake M. Oakley, County Manager

2020 has been a very unusual / stressful year due to the Coronavirus restrictions placed on our County. During this time Stokes has received Two (2) rounds of Federal Funding through the Cares Act, which have been approved, awarded and disbursed to us by the State of North Carolina based on Population.

## CARES ACT Funds Received

Covid-19 Recovery Act Funding, First Round Payment (May 2020)	\$991,781.00
Covid-19 Recovery Act Funding, Second Round Payment (August 2020)	<u>\$884,827.68</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,876,608.68</b>

## Municipalities

One of the requirements placed on the County recently was that our Municipalities receive Twenty Five Percent (25%) of the total funding. **Total Amount=\$469,152.17**  
\$469,152.17 / 7708 population = 60.8656 per citizen

Using the above distribution method of funding (based on population) the following amounts are recommended for our Municipalities.

Town of Danbury, population 186	<b>\$11,138.40</b>
City of King, total population 6861	
Forsyth County's portion 691	
Stokes County's portion 6170	<b>\$375,540.72</b>
Town of Walnut Cove population 1355	<b>\$82,472.88</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$469,152.00</b>

The County has already begun sending required monthly reports as of August 20, 2020 so therefore we reached out to the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management for information on the responsibility of reporting and using the funds that are provided to the municipalities and received the following response:

According to Session law 2020-80 states: "Counties and municipalities are liable to the State for any misuse or mishandling of these funds, and subject to clawback and other appropriate measures, including the reduction or elimination of other State funds. Any local government officer, official, or employee who violates this section shall be subject to a civil action by the State and held personally liable to reimburse the State.

Beginning October 1, 2020, and then quarterly thereafter, each county and municipality receiving funds under this subdivision shall report to OSBM on the use of allocated funds until all funds are expended and accounted for."

For clarifying purposes:

If the County is found to have submitted ineligible expenditures the County would be liable, if a municipality submits ineligible expenditures, the municipality would be liable to return the funds.

So while the documentation for municipalities flows through the County, the municipality would be liable.

County's adjusted allotment after Municipal funding	<b>Amount</b>	<b>\$1,407,456.51</b>
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### **Grants**

Another option for consideration by the Board is utilizing a portion of the CARES ACT funds to provide grant funding to our small businesses and non-profits who have been impacted by COVID-19. Attached you will see a sample application as well as guidelines for applying and receiving funding. We are requesting input from the Board on the amount of funding to be established to provide these grants.

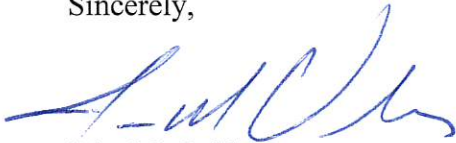
## COVID-19 Advisory Grant Review Committee

During this process I am requesting that the Board approve the following Advisory Grant Review Committee to assist Commissioners / Management in the disbursement of Covid-19 Funds. During the establishment of this committee, I am requesting that a Commissioner serve as one of the committee members. This committee is advisory only with Board of Commissioners making final approval on all Covid-19 monies spent through expenditure related cost or grants.

The following members for approval:

1. Jake Oakley – County Manager
2. Shannon Shaver – Assistant County Manager / Clerk to the Board
3. Julia Edwards – Finance Director
4. Will Carter – Economic Development
5. Commissioner Appointment

Sincerely,



Jake M. Oakley  
Stokes County Manager