

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: September 15, 2020 ☐ Consent ☒ Regular
☐ Ordinance ☐ Public Hearing

Department
Submitted By: County Administration
Submitted For: County Administration

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to receive and file:

A comprehensive report as of August 27, 2020, providing detailed program information relating to the progress of programs and services provided under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 (CARES Act).

Summary: The CARES Act provided \$2.2 trillion in economic stimulus in response to the financial impact caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States. On April 23, 2020, Palm Beach County was awarded \$261,174,832 under the Act and has earned an additional \$1 million in investment earnings. The State of Florida was awarded \$5,855,807,380. Pursuant to guidance from the U.S. Department of Treasury, the County's award was to be allocated for the purpose of expenses that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19; were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the government; and were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020. Staff recommended a spending strategy to the Board of County Commissioners in early May, which covered a broad spectrum of relief activities and programs to fill gaps and meet the needs of the community in the areas of general government expenses, emergency food distribution, individual assistance, family housing assistance, human services assistance, local business grants, county-wide testing efforts, non-congregate sheltering, broadband enhancements and childcare assistance. As of the latest reporting, staff has expended \$102,973,394 of the CARES Act awarded funds. An additional \$115,560,785 has been committed. All funds must be expended by December 30, 2020. The attached report provides a detailed update as to the activities under the referenced programs. Countywide (DC) (DS)

Background and Policy Issues: The CARES Act was passed by Congress, with bipartisan support and signed into law on March 27, 2020. The \$2.2 trillion economic relief package provided fast and direct economic assistance for State, Local and Tribal governments to navigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds are allowed to cover expenses that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease, that were not accounted for in the agency's most recently approved budget.

Attachment:

1. Countywide Detailed Report of CARES Act Program Activity
2. CARES Act Expenditures – 8/27/2020

Recommended By: Nancy J. Boldm 9/10/2020
Assistant County Administrator Date

Approved By: W. Baker 9/10/2020
County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenue					
Program Income					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	0	0	0		

# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					
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Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes ___ No X
Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes X No ___

Budget Account No.:
Fund___ Dept ___Unit ___Object ___Program Code___ Program Period

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:
Source of funding is the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. No County funding is required.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: _____
Lisa Pontius, Director, Budget

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:


OFMB
9/11/2020
9/11


Contract Development and Control
9/11/2020

B. Legal Sufficiency:


9/11/2020
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.



COUNTY-WIDE HIGHLIGHTS IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Significant County Response Items Since Emergency Declared

- Quickly modified and maintained essential County operations in response to COVID-19 without interruption
- Quickly modified and expanded virtual Palm Beach County Library services for residents, including career guidance, virtual school and homework help, technology tips and assistance, unemployment and small business assistance and assisted to ensure increased processing of applications for SNAP was expedited, particularly for Spanish and Creole speaking residents, provides in-person assistance to clients seeking assistance for Rental and Utility Applications. and free broadband internet services to residents outside Library facilities
- Established COVID-19 specific messaging on the County's internal and external facing websites to provide all related information and updates in real time and in multiple languages
- Established County Staging Area (CSA) at the Fairgrounds to support operations and logistics needs relating to eligible health providers, first responders, nursing homes and assisted living facilities with personal protective equipment shipped to the County from the State:
 - **Personal Protective Equipment Distribution**
 - Since 3/22/2020, the County Staging Area has received a total of 33 truckloads of PPE from the State. Supplies have been distributed to:
 - 251 Assisted living Facilities and Nursing Homes
 - 25 Municipal Fire Rescue and Police Departments
 - 15 Hospitals
 - 39 Municipalities and 9 Special Districts
 - 29 County Departments
 - 3 Testing Sites
 - 13 Agricultural Growers in the Agricultural Reserve and Glades Area
 - 3 Constitutional Officers
 - As well as the following other entities:
 - AHCA
 - ARC of PBC
 - Caridad Center
 - Florida Department of Health
 - Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach
 - Health Care District of PBC

- National Guard
 - Palm Beach School District
 - Visiting Nurses Association of Florida
 - Found Care
 - MW Group Homes
 - Palm Beach Youth Academy
 - Genesis Community Health
 - Palm Beach County Medical Society
- Below reflects the totals to date:

▪ Procedure Masks:	1,616,640
▪ N95/K95s:	255,895
▪ Cloth Masks:	766,570
▪ Bouffant:	26,500
▪ Shoe Covers:	73,894
▪ Gowns:	162,741
▪ Gloves:	680,984
▪ Face Shields:	117,476
▪ Safety Goggles:	6,452
▪ Hooded Coveralls:	1,100
▪ Sleeves:	800
▪ Hand Sanitizer:	26,522
▪ Hand Cleaner:	750
 - Additional distributions of PPE were accomplished in partnership with the Department of Health, Faith-based entities, and direct distribution of masks acquired through donation or direct purchase to nonprofits including FoundCare, Tri-City (Glades) area senior citizens, and the Glades Initiative
 - Issued 21 County Emergency Orders, continued Declarations of Emergency in force, Ordinance 2020-023 and published Fine Schedule for Civil Citations for Violations of Emergency Orders
 - Modified the County's risk shelter operations and staffing plan to ensure social distancing, PPE, and best practices to safely support storm-related activations during the pandemic
 - Placed hands-free hand sanitizer stations in all County facilities to ensure public safety
 - Placed hand washing stations at various County locations for high risk population
 - Acquired the Combat COVID app to assist in personal notification to COVID-19 exposures throughout the community

CARES Expenditures and Programming Update

General Government

Budget	Expended	Committed	Available
\$42,674,823	\$24,447,979	\$18,226,844	\$0

- **Personal Protective Equipment Purchase & Distribution**
 - Safely implemented and completed March elections, providing all personal protective equipment (PPE) to the Supervisor of Elections to support operations
 - Provided all County personnel with five (5) cloth masks, implemented temperature/health screening process at all county locations, provided workplaces with hand sanitizers and sanitary wipes
 - Four (4) masks are currently being mailed to every household in Palm Beach County
- Rapidly purchased and programmed equipment to provide laptops and connectivity to improve teleworking and remote meeting capabilities for County operations where feasible
- Countywide signage and public education messaging was procured to ensure the public is kept up to date with COVID-19 related directions and information

Emergency Food Distribution

Budget	Expended	Committed	Available
\$35,000,000	\$8,812,734	\$23,000,000	\$3,187,266

Programming notes:

On May 15th, the BCC allowed the allocation of \$35M in CARES funding to support emergency feeding strategies in throughout the community. Staff continues to push food directly to the existing food bank/pantry infrastructure. Additional dollars are being programmed to support a variety of community feeding initiatives around the County. Specific programming includes:

Partnership with Food Banks/pantry Infrastructure to Move 150K Additional Pounds of Food per Week into the System:

- Avg. 100K – 150K pounds per week delivery to PBC Food Bank with options to renew as need (and funding) continue
- Direct assistance to Feed the Hungry "super pantry" for distribution to smaller pantries and feeding programs, avg. 50K pounds per week
- Direct assistance to Boca Helping Hands "super pantry," avg. roughly 1K pounds per week of protein through 10/4/20, to continue if need and funds remain

Supporting the existing pantry system gets the needed food directly into the neighborhoods where the need is present. If the efforts to push food at this pace through the end of the year continues, additional \$10M - \$12M of CARES dollars will be necessary to meet the need.

In addition to the direct assistance provided to the Food Bank/pantry system, funds have been committed or projected to support a number of feeding program initiatives, which include:

- A contract with the School District, in the amount of \$1M, to support drive-through feeding sites, which may need to be increased to support additional sites as needed
- Contracts and allocations in the amount of \$5.6M to support of “grab and go” and home delivered meals for seniors citizens temporarily unable to attend congregate feeding events or to leave their homes
- A pre-paid card program, in the total contracted amount of \$5M, that will assist families and individuals affected by the pandemic with a cash-equivalent supplement to help offset the increased cost of food, which has been linked to increased demand caused by the pandemic and the shut-down of food processing plants earlier this year
- Funded Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies with the purchase of formula, in the amount of \$64K, to meet the increased need to feed the 0-4-year-old population
- Review of applications from ‘grass roots’ community feeding programs around the County and have allocated \$1M for this purpose. Requests for assistance under those programs can be directed to the attention of the Community Services Department (mpamell@pbcgov.org)

Collectively, these efforts will reach over \$30M in expenditures, with the remainder anticipated to be programmed as system gaps and unmet needs are determined over the next 4 months of the year.

Individual/Family Housing Assistance:

Rental/Utility Assistance Update

Budget	Expended	Committed	Available
\$20,000,000	\$3,738,115	\$16,261,885	\$0

- **Programming Notes:**

On June 5th a Rental/Utility Assistance program was made available to provide temporary relief to income eligible renters affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and unable to meet their housing expenses. Eligible renters, who earn up to 140% AMI, may receive up to \$5,800 for up to 3 months of assistance for past-due rental payments, and \$1,200 in past due utility payments. Landlords and utility companies are the direct payees for the program. Applicants are required to complete

an online application, which are accepted on a first come, first qualified, first served basis subject to funding availability.

As of August 27, 2020:

• 446 applications processed for rental assistance:	\$1,444,146.40
• 634 applications processed for utility assistance:	\$259,388.06
Total Processed to Date:	\$1,703,534.16
Total Amount Requested (based on submitted applications to date)	\$8,778,773.43
Total applications in draft or submitted:	7,290
Total applications denied (ineligible, lack of documentation, etc.)	350

- Drive-thru drop off locations in WPB and Riviera Beach, and all County Libraries
- Contracts in place with Legal Aid & FL Rural Aid to work with residents and courts
- Established Eviction Prevention Mediation Program, which will offer assistance with late fees, attorney’s fees, etc., and shall not exceed \$10,000 per household
- Eight (8) Nonprofits have been contracted to assist with navigating and screening rental/utility applications, at a cost of \$400,000

Mortgage Assistance

Budget	Expended	Committed	Available
\$20,000,000	\$2,909,906	\$17,090,094	\$0

• **Programming Notes:**

On June 29, 2020, Palm Beach County Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability made available \$20,000,000 in CARES Act funding for temporary relief to homeowners to provide assistance to income eligible households who are delinquent in their first mortgage and escrow payments (PITI). Additionally, funding may assist with late fees, attorney’s fees, condominium and homeowners’ association payments, special assessments, and other mortgage associated costs related to COVID-19.

Eligible homeowners can apply for assistance to receive up to four-months mortgage payments, but not to exceed \$10,000. Financial assistance is awarded as a grant.

Applicants are required to complete an online application Monday, June 29, 2020 – Friday, August 14, 2020 for Round #1. Round #2 is tentatively scheduled to launch Thursday, October 1, 2020 – Friday, October 31, 2020. Applications are accepted on a first come, first qualified, first served basis, subject to funding availability. Applicants must meet all program requirements at the time of submittal.

Below is a current report as of August 24, 2020:

- A total of 1,289 applications submitted
 - 695 applications are in review (processing, re-submittals, pending counseling

certificates, etc...)

- 174 applications were denied (may reapply Round #2)
- 420 households assisted expending \$2,645,881.79 (averaging \$6,299.72 per application)

Human Services – Unmet Needs

Budget	Expended	Committed	Available
\$10,000,000	\$1,372,748	\$207,252	\$8,420,000

• **Programming Notes:**

Programming is still under consideration for this allocation. Staff has finalized a contract with Legal Aid and Florida Rural Agency, in the amount of \$400K and developed a pilot program to assist individuals with an eviction prevention program when the moratorium on eviction is lifted, with assistance per eligible household not to exceed \$10,000 (which will be part of the rental assistance program). This allocation will also support the placement of unsheltered seniors, individuals, youth or families with underlying medical conditions to maintain safety in noncongregate sheltering.

This allocation is also being used to support the Community Health Worker (CHW) program (\$1M):

Contracting with Nonprofits to deploy 38 Community Health Workers to:

- Be present at various testing sites within assigned jurisdictions to provide educational information that increases awareness about ways to prevent COVID-19
- Help navigate residents to testing sites, isolation quarters and community resources (i.e. rental & utility assistance, food etc.)
- Distribute Personal Protective Equipment at testing sites and other locations and train residents on how to wear it properly (workers have been provided with 28K cloth facial coverings for distribution)
- Assist Contact Tracers when they are unable to notify residents of their status
- Dispel myths about COVID-19 testing and treatment
- Facilitate webinars to education the public on ways to prevent COVID-19

The hiring, training and certification of Community Health Worker staff was facilitated by Career Source, and the staff are the temporary employees of the non-profit partners indicated. Partners and targeted locations are as follows:

Organization	Location	Number of workers
Community Partners/(Healthier Glades, Glades Initiative, Farmworker Coordinating Council, Federation of Families, Florida Community Health Centers)	Belle Glade	10 (8 from CareerSource PBC)

Community Partners/Healthier Neighbors	West Palm Beach	2
Community Partners/Sickle Cell Foundation	West Palm Beach	2
Community Partners/Urban League	West Palm Beach	2
Community Partners/North West Community Consortium Inc.	West Palm Beach	2
Community Partners/OCR	Unincorporated PBC	2
Caridad	Greenacres/Lake Worth Beach	4
Genesis	Boynton Beach/Delray Beach/Boca	4
FoundCare	Palm Springs/Lake Worth/Royal Palm Beach	4
HCSEF/El Sol	Jupiter	3
HCSEF/TIJ Medical Society	Riviera Beach	3
HCSEF (Training)	Northern/Western PBC	
Palm Beach Medical Society (Training)	Southern PBC	

Total amount of contracts:

\$946,999

Business Grants

Budget	Expended	Committed	Available
\$75,000,000	\$51,212,503	\$23,787,497	\$0

- Programming Notes:**

The initial phase of the Restart Business Grant targeted small businesses with 25 or less employees. The \$60M allocation included \$30M for businesses with 5 or less employees, \$20M for 25 or less employees, and \$10M for businesses with over 25 employees. Eligible businesses were those subject to Emergency Orders at the State and County level requiring closure or limiting services.

The Restart Business Grant application portal opened on May 22, 2020. As of August 26, 2020, \$50,535,191.41 has been distributed to 2,968 businesses. The average grant amount awarded is \$17,020 with 907 businesses receiving the maximum grant award of \$25,000.

Data reflects that as of 8/26/2020:

- \$44.97M was allocated to businesses with 5 or less employees.
- \$5.21 M was allocated to businesses with 6-25 employees
- \$351,047 was allocated to businesses with more than 25 employees
- 2,006 businesses had ≤\$250,000 gross receipts
- 962 businesses had > \$250,000 gross receipts (under \$5M)

Of the 2,942 applications funded as of 8/26/2020:

- 531 Hair/Nail Salons
- 488 Retail Brick & Mortar
- 396 Restaurants
- 345 Health Care & Medical Offices
- 168 Gyms & Fitness Centers
- 34 Agriculture Businesses
- 980 Other Professional Services (Consultants, Interior Design, Book Keeping etc.)
- 21 Child Care Centers Not Funded Through the Early Learning Coalition

Demographics of 2,942 Grantee Businesses:

Race

- 68% White
- 14% Black/African American
- 11% Asian
- 7% Other

Ethnicity

- 18% Hispanic or Latino
- 82% Other

Gender

- 52% Male
- 48% Female

Demographics of PBC Population:

Race

- 74% White
- 19% Black/African American
- 3% Asian
- 4% Other

Ethnicity

- 22% Hispanic or Latino
- 78% Other

Gender

- 48% Male
- 52% Female

Phase I business eligibility requirements included:

- Has been operating since October 1, 2019 and was still operating on February 29, 2020
- Is located in Palm Beach County
- Is not a Publicly Traded Company
- Is not a non-profit organization
- Has an active Palm Beach County Tax Receipt or is exempt from filing
- Has filed IRS Income Tax Returns for 2019 or 2018
- Has payroll forms submitted to the IRS for 2019
- Does not exceed \$5M in total gross receipts or sales
- Has not received any COVID-19 relief funds in the form of a grant or forgivable loan exceeding \$25,000
- Has an active Sunbiz filed on or before October 1, 2019 as shown the Florida Division of Corporations website.

On July 28, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved an additional \$15M of CARES funding for the Restart Business Program. Approximately \$10M of funding has not been

expended in Phase I, leaving an aggregate total of \$25M for distribution to Restart Business Grants.

The recommendation for Phase II is to re-open the application portal for two weeks. Only Sole Proprietors and General Partnerships that are not required to register on Sunbiz, and did not apply in Phase I would be eligible to apply. Staff identified Sole Proprietors not required to register and denied only for lack of Sunbiz in Phase I, and processed those applications. Sole Proprietors with a fictitious name are required to register on Sunbiz and would not be eligible for Phase II funding. All other previous eligibility requirements and grant parameters are recommended to remain intact. Eligible applicants who were denied under Phase I for lack of documentation, may reapply.

The launch date for Phase II is anticipated in early September.

PBC Cares Restart Business Grants Approved by Municipality*

Municipality		# Approved	\$ Awarded
1	West Palm Beach	669	\$11,304,865.76
2	Boca Raton	478	\$8,542,938.71
3	Boynton Beach	277	\$4,710,703.21
4	Lake Worth Beach	258	\$4,622,554.19
5	Delray Beach	228	\$3,844,344.96
6	Wellington	184	\$2,972,937.77
7	Jupiter	171	\$3,022,467.65
8	Palm Beach Gardens	138	\$2,369,408.15
9	Royal Palm Beach	77	\$1,218,034.00
10	Greenacres	70	\$1,078,853.00
11	North Palm Beach	61	\$1,013,117.46
12	Riviera Beach	55	\$882,110.62
13	Lantana	44	\$721,915.09
14	Lake Park	34	\$487,073.44
15	Loxahatchee	33	\$508,798.70
16	Palm Beach	30	\$467,905.50
17	Tequesta	30	\$528,399.05
18	Palm Springs	27	\$434,547.00
19	Juno Beach	23	\$434,339.50
20	Belle Glade	22	\$359,752.50
21	Pahokee	8	\$111,645.00

PBC Cares Restart Business Grants Approved by Municipality (Cont.)

22	Atlantis	4	\$79,600.00
23	Lake Clarke Shores	4	\$58,868.50
24	Hypoluxo	3	\$50,908.00
25	Haverhill	2	\$29,750.50
26	Highland Beach	2	\$38,100.00
27	Manalapan	2	\$34,967.50
28	Mangonia Park	2	\$30,810.00
29	Ocean Ridge	2	\$24,495.00
30	Palm Beach Shores	2	\$43,197.50
31	South Bay	1	\$25,000.00
32	South Palm Beach	1	\$21,875.00
TOTAL		2,942	\$50,074,283.26

*Municipalities where businesses have not yet received business grants:

- i. Briny Breezes
- ii. Cloud Lake
- iii. Glen Ridge
- iv. Golf
- v. Gulf Stream
- vi. Jupiter Inlet Colony
- vii. West Lake

COVID-19 Testing

Budget	Expended	Committed	Available
\$35,000,000	\$2,348,883	\$8,100,000	\$24,551,117

Programming Notes:

- Stood up drive-through and/or walk-up testing sites with PCR based COVID-19 testing at the Fit-Team Ball Park, Lakeside Medical Center, South County Civic Center, free standing Health Care District clinics in Delray Beach, Jupiter, and West Palm Beach and FAU in partnership with the Florida Division of Emergency Management, HCD, Cleveland Clinic, and AMR
- Quickly secured the use of a medical van for the Palm Beach County Health Care District (HCD) "Scout" for improved access to testing through pop-up testing sites. Working to acquire additional van, "Hero."
- Working with four (4) local nonprofit health providers to better serve the uninsured population
- Palm Beach County Fire Rescue led the effort to implement and provide testing services to homebound residents
- Implemented Antibody testing at the Fit-Team Ball Park and South County Civic Center
- Implemented Antigen (rapid results) testing at the Fit-Team Ball Park

- The table below reflects total numbers of tests conducted to date at each location:

Testing Site	PCR Tests	Antibody Tests	Antigen Tests
Fit-Team Ball Bark	35,677	2,598	1,040
South County Civic Center	16,018	284	n/a
Florida Atlantic University	11,403	n/a	n/a
Lakeside Medical Center	5,533	n/a	n/a
HCD Jupiter Clinic	5,206	n/a	n/a
HCD West Palm Beach Clinic	6,483	n/a	n/a
HCD Delray Clinic	8,049	n/a	n/a
Pop-Up/Homebound	13,381	n/a	n/a
Total	101,750	2,882	1,040

Non-Congregate Sheltering

Budget	Expended	Committed	Available
\$10,000,000	\$2,894,915	\$3,122,826	\$3,982,259

- **Programming Notes:**
 - Processed approximately 31 individuals for COVID-19 related isolation in local hotels, with a total of 367 bed nights, used as non-congregate shelters as recommended by FEMA
 - Provided food, case management, medical care and wellness checks for those isolated
 - Provided testing for individuals isolated
 - Identified and programmed approximately \$5M in funding to open two Non-Congregate Shelter buildings in Belle Glade and Pahokee

Management of Homeless Residents in Lake Worth Beach

Prior to Relocation of all Park Residents:

- distributed PPE and educational material to JPP residents,
- installed handwashing stations,
- Funded Nonprofit to provide mobile shower and purchase washer dryer
- posted signage to encourage social distancing,
- Moved tents 12 feet apart per Center for Disease Control recommendations,
- Assisted with the coordination of food for residents within the encampments,
- worked with the homeless coalition to place seniors and other vulnerable residents in non-congregate hotel settings,

- Installed barriers to discourage unpermitted drop-offs of food and other materials that could potentially spread COVID-19,
- Worked with Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office to enhance supervision in the parks and
- Conducted ongoing assessments to determine which residents can be reunified with friends and family members or be placed in shelter or other permanent housing settings.
- Provided COVID-19 testing for homeless residents. Approximately 95% of residents were negative

Following Relocation of Residents out of John Prince Park:

- Temporary homeless shelter, Lewis Center Annex, is now at full capacity (110 program participants). All were first sheltered in hotel rooms to ensure good health before moving into the facility
- 39 former park residents are currently being sheltered into hotels for a period of time not to exceed 30 days, while caseworkers work to assist them in finding shelter or returning to their place of origin
- 3 former park residents accepted travel assistance back to their point of origin

Broadband Enhancements

Budget	Expended	Committed	Available
\$10,000,000	\$5,187,690	\$4,812,310	\$0

- **Programming Notes:**

The program goal is to provide Internet access to students as identified by the School District that does not currently have access to the Internet. Most of these students are also in the “Free and Reduced Lunch” (FRL) program. The proposed infrastructure is designed to fill the gaps as identified by the School District and not to compete with any commercial providers. Based on the analysis of a “heat map” provided by the School District, 74 target schools were identified for the creation of wireless coverage areas over the neighborhoods served by these schools. Currently, 14 of these schools are already serviced by County fiber. The remaining schools will to have fiber extended to them, specifically to the monopole on the school campus that formerly served as a TV tower for the Education Network. Once the fiber is in place, “root radios” will be installed on the top of these monopoles, which will be used as the basis for extending Wi-Fi out to other radios deployed in the neighborhoods.

The School District is responsible for funding, purchasing, and deploying Wi-Fi extenders, which will be in each student’s home to ensure quality access to the Wi-Fi signal the County is providing. The school district has already deployed over 80,000 laptops and tablets to students and just committed to purchasing and deploying an additional 50,000 to 80,000 more. With the

start of physical school openings delayed, this places a higher emphasis and criticality on this project.

Staff has also been involved in meetings with the School District at multiple municipalities, several County workgroups, and several private funding meetings in support of the School District. Fiber construction has started on the Belle Glade trunk line as well as the first few schools. Radios will be mounted on hardened traffic signal mast arms in areas that would support the project.

Staff is also working with Lake Worth Beach Utilities (LWBU) on identification, design, and process for attaching radios to their poles in all areas serviced by LWBU that have been identified in the heat maps. This includes areas outside of LWB municipal boundaries. The LWB City Commission was fully supportive of this project and authorized its Utility Department to cooperate completely.

Current Status

- The number of target schools has increased from the 74 “heat map identified” schools to 80 in total
- 22 schools are completed or partially complete and online. Partial completion means that while fiber may still be in progress, the school is online through the redundancy solution of tunneling through the SDPBC network
- Fiber build is in progress to 23 schools
- Fiber build is in permit/design/planning to an additional 13 schools
- 37 schools have been surveyed for power. School District Facilities is coordinating power install for schools without power. One school (Wynnebrook) will have solar installed by PBC due to the critical path for the Boys & Girls Club.
- The remaining 12 schools will begin permitting/design within the next 2 weeks.
- Mast design for monopoles is in progress for PBC owned buildings in the Glades region and Westgate.
- Mast installation is in progress for nine (9) schools without monopoles.
- Neighborhood mounting pole design is 95% complete for Belle Glade. Pole installations are expected to commence next week. Belle Glade City Administration has been informed and has approved the construction.
- Neighborhood mounting pole design is 25% completed for LWB, South Bay, Pahokee, Canal Point, and Westgate.
- The first 250 neighborhood mounting poles with solar have been delivered and are staged at the West County Palm Tran maintenance facility.
- An order is being placed for the next 250 neighborhood mounting poles
- Staff is working with AT&T and FPL on an agreement to use some of their field assets for this project

- Performance testing has been completed with School District laptops and Wi-Fi extenders.
- Student authentication and security design are still in progress.

Boys and Girls Clubs

- 10 Boys and Girls Club locations are in progress and are scheduled to be complete by Sunday, August 30th
 - We have installed 60 wireless access points (radios) within the Boys and Girls Club facilities
 - We have installed external building antenna mounts on 9 Boys and Girls Club facilities
 - We have completed fiber into 1 Boys & Girls Club facility
 - Staff will be standing by to assist with remote learning starting on Monday

Cost estimates as identified to date:

- Fiber installation: \$6,685,090
- Wireless radios and supporting infrastructure (assumes install by County staff primarily): \$2,130,000
- Unanticipated costs (including additional fiber): \$1,000,000

Child Care Programs

Budget	Expended	Committed	Available
\$3,000,000	\$47,773	\$952,227	\$0

- **Programming Notes:**

Since the school closure in mid-March, the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) continued funding to its childcare providers, whether opened or closed, based on enrollments. For the months of March through June, ELC disbursed a total of \$37,623,890 to 731 Childcare providers. This amount includes \$2,850,813 co-payments that parents were unable to pay during the pandemic. These emergency provisions have been extended through August 31, 2020. Also, ELC was allocated \$7,095,152 in CARES funding which is being distributed. Additionally, the ELC supplied PPEs and disinfectants to many providers. ELC childcare providers have been adequately funded.

As of July 22, 2020, 11 Childcare providers not under ELC who applied for grants under PBC Business Grants program, received a cumulative amount of \$196,603. We are continuing to process business grant applications and will fund these non-ELC eligible childcare providers.

- **Childcare Funding gap:**

After the start of school (August 31st), there will be a significant need for in-person sites where working parents will be able send their children for supervised distance learning. A partnership to include ELC, United Way, Children's Services Council (CSC), is developing a plan and working to identify potential sites. Normally during the school year, ELC funds child care for the under 5 year of age and some after-school programs for K-5th grade. They will continue to do so for income eligible families. CSC also provides scholarships through ELC. The Education Foundation of Palm Beach County is providing computers to students and the Funders' Group has awarded grants to numerous not-for-profit groups. Still there is a gap in assisting working parents in this era of distance learning:

On 8/25/20, the Board approved the proposal to provide \$1M in scholarships and equipment using Cares Act dollars for those income-eligible families who are working during the school day and have children in K-5th grade. Homeless youth will be prioritized.

- **\$1m allocation of CARES funding will provide for:**

- \$900,000 as scholarships for the first 9-weeks of school while distance learning is in place. This will assist 1,000 children at the ELC rate of \$20/day
- \$100,000 for purchase of headsets

- **Criteria for scholarship:**

- meet eligibility requirement for summer camp scholarship based on income
- parents are working during school hours or attending school full time
- priority given to homeless students
- scholarships for students in k-5th grade or those with disability
- scholarship would be in a daily amount in accordance with ELC pay scale

CARES ACT EXPENDITURES						As of 8/27/2020
Unit	Activity	Description	Budget	Total Expenses	Committed	Available
CV01	General Government Expenses	PPE's, Staffing, BCC Covid-19 Expenses Infrared Technologies, Teleworking equipment Countywide Signs, public education messaging Other Constitutional officers Covid-19 related Expenses	\$42,674,823	\$24,447,979	\$18,226,844	\$0
CV02	Emergency Food Distribution	Food Distribution exceeding normal base expenses; community food programs identified in emergency feeding plan	\$35,000,000	\$8,812,734	\$23,000,000	\$3,187,266
CV03-140	Individual Assistance	Rental and Utility Assistance	\$20,000,000	\$3,738,115	\$16,261,885	\$0
CV03-143	Family Housing Assistance	Emergency Mortgage	\$20,000,000	\$2,909,906	\$17,090,094	\$0
CV04	Human Services Assistance	Unmet needs	\$10,000,000	\$1,372,748	\$207,252	\$8,420,000
CV05	Restart Small Business Grant	Small businesses with 25 or less employees	\$74,000,000	\$50,598,737	\$23,401,263	\$0
CV06	Business Grants	Businesses with more than 25 employees	\$1,000,000	\$613,916	\$386,084	\$0
CV07	Countywide Testing	Covid-19 and Antibodies Testing , HCD medical vehicle, staffing	\$35,000,000	\$2,348,883	\$8,100,000	\$24,551,117
CV08	Non-Congregate Sheltering	For individuals: Test positive for Covid-19 that require isolation Have been exposed to Covid-19 and warrant quarantine Persons needing social distancing as precautionary measure	\$10,000,000	\$2,894,915	\$3,122,826	\$3,982,259
CV10	Broadband Enhancements	To enable teleworking and long distance learning capabilities	\$10,000,000	\$5,187,690	\$4,812,310	\$0
CV11	Childcare	Childcare expenses	\$3,000,000	\$47,773	\$952,227	\$2,000,000
Total Expenses			\$260,674,823			
CV00	Reserves		\$1,500,000	\$0		\$1,500,000
Total			\$262,174,823	\$102,973,395	\$115,560,785	\$43,640,643