

# Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (C.A.R.E.S. Act) Overview

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# Overview

- ▶ Signed into law on March 27, 2020
- ▶ Provides over \$2 trillion of direct economic assistance for:
  - Workers,
  - Families,
  - Small businesses, and
  - State and local governments.
- ▶ Preserves jobs for American industries.

# Coronavirus Relief Fund

- ▶ Provides \$150 billion in direct aid to State and Local Governments.
- ▶ Each state receives \$1.25 billion minimum plus enhancement based on population.
- ▶ **SC share = \$1.996 billion**
- ▶ Local governments with populations > 500,000 may apply directly for their portion.
- ▶ Greenville County is the only local government eligible for direct application = \$91 million.
- ▶ State of SC = \$1.905 billion

# Coronavirus Relief Fund

- ▶ Funds may be used to cover only those costs of State and Local Government that:
  - 1) Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19.
  - 2) Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment of the Act.
  - 3) Were incurred during the period between March 1 - Dec. 30, 2020.

# Coronavirus Relief Fund

## ▶ **Acceptable uses:**

- ▶ Medical expenses (testing, treatment)
- ▶ Public Health expenses (quarantine, PPE)
- ▶ Payroll expenses (public safety, first responders, direct care)
- ▶ Compliance expenses (technology, telemedicine)
- ▶ Providing economic support (UI Trust Fund, small businesses)
- ▶ FEMA state match (25%)
- ▶ Other reasonably necessary COVID-19 expenses

# Coronavirus Relief Fund

## ▶ **Unacceptable uses:**

- ▶ Revenue shortfall or replacement
- ▶ Damages covered by insurance
- ▶ Medicaid state match
- ▶ Payroll for employees not dedicated to COVID-19
- ▶ Expenses that will be reimbursed by other Federal programs
- ▶ Reimbursements for donated items or services
- ▶ Workforce bonuses
- ▶ Severance pay or legal settlements



# Statewide COVID-19 Expenditures

Received 207 survey responses from state agencies, higher education institutions, counties, special purpose districts, municipalities and MUSC Hospital

Entity	Actual to Date*	Projections through December
Counties/Special Purpose Districts	\$40,231,019	\$138,017,894
Higher Education Institutions	\$82,171,735	\$122,172,366
Municipalities	\$21,436,388	\$31,461,157
State Agencies	\$39,213,850	\$163,566,935
MUSC Hospital	\$99,096,933	\$177,744,535
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$282,149,925</b>	<b>\$632,962,886</b>

All reimbursement requests will be vetted for eligibility.

\*As of May 18, 2020

# Other COVID-19 Related Funds

- ▶ Nearly 50 sources of funding provided by Federal Government to date
- ▶ Over \$3.5 billion coming to SC

Significant **COORDINATION** is needed to ensure we **MAXIMIZE** the **BENEFIT** of all available sources for the **ENTERPRISE!**





# Guidehouse

- ▶ In accordance with Act 135 of 2020, the State has contracted with Guidehouse to provide grant management services.
- ▶ Will maximize funds use, avoid duplication and coordinate benefits.
- ▶ Services include:
  - ▶ Development of grant assessment and strategy
  - ▶ Design of an end-to-end grant management process
  - ▶ Development on an online application portal
  - ▶ Direct assistance to subrecipients
  - ▶ Collect and determine eligibility of reimbursement requests
  - ▶ Grant Reporting, Compliance and Monitoring

Questions?