Ottawa County Coronavirus Relief Fund ("CRF") Uses
OTTAWA COUNTY’S ALLOCATION OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS

- $699,931 in the first round of CARES act funds on June 25th
- $349,965 in the second round of CARES act funds on August 28th
- Total funds received for Ottawa County departments is $1,049,897
- Total funds to be used by other Ottawa County political subdivisions is $1,160,413
- Grand total of funds received to assist Ottawa County is $2,210,311
The Commissioners have worked with the County Auditor to establish two separate funds:

Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund

CARES Distribution – Subdivisions

Both funds were created with similar revenue and expense line items

For tracking purposes, it was determined not to co-mingle the funds and establish a fund for county use and a separate fund for other political subdivisions.
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Expenses for public safety measures undertaken in response to COVID-19

- Extra hand sanitizing stations
- Social distancing materials
- Purchase of plexiglass shields and materials to install
- Reimbursements to departments for disinfecting supplies
- Purchase of disposable masks & cloth masks for distribution to employees as well as the limited public into county facilities
- Costs associated with having court proceedings in large conference facilities to maintain social distancing
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Technology Upgrades/Purchases

– Payment/Reimbursement for numerous Zoom subscriptions

– Department purchases of laptops to be utilized for telework and video conferencing

– Building Inspection will be updating their software to accommodate contractors and inspectors to conduct business online and reduce foot traffic into county offices

– Prosecuting Attorney’s office will be updating their software to accommodate their staff to work remotely and provide local law enforcement officials to submit reports electronically, again reducing the foot traffic in county offices

– Job & Family Services has purchased Surface Pros to enable their staff to rotate in and out of the office with ease and will provide a virtual platform to access meetings and trainings

– Sanitary Engineering additional meter reading & troubleshooting equipment to limit the number of employees traveling in vehicles together.
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COVID-19 Testing

– Ottawa County annual health screening will include a voluntary antibody test available for employees and their spouses

– Utilize the funds to reimburse costs to our self-insured health insurance fund for any employee or eligible dependent associated with all testing and treatment related to COVID-19, including hospitalizations, ambulance transfers, follow-up treatment, etc.

– Funds will also be used to reimburse the county for the continuation of testing required for our nursing home staff that is not covered by other means
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Employment/Payroll Related Expenses

– Payment/Reimbursement of unemployment compensation for various departments

– Cell phone stipend for those who telework during pandemic only

– Reimbursement of eligible payroll costs through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) benefits. This includes the Emergency Sick Leave and the Expanded FMLA costs.

– Reimbursement to the Emergency Management Agency and Board of Health departments for substantially dedicated efforts for qualified employees.
Local Economic Support

- The Ottawa County Commissioners in conjunction with the County Auditor and Regional Planning Director created the Small Business Relief Grant Program with funds available to provide up to $100,000. Small businesses were able to submit an application of up to a maximum of $5,000 meeting certain criteria to be eligible.

- We received 60 applications and are currently reviewing them to ensure they meet the eligibility requirements, which included but was not limited to:
  
  - In business since January 2019
  - Have fewer than 30 employees
  - Revenue of less than $1 Million
  - 30% reduction of revenue for the period of March 1-April 30th 2019 compared to same time period in 2020
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