

Coronavirus Relief Funding Meeting

October 8, 2020

10:03 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Jackson, County Manager Erik Martin, J.P. Anderson, Dave Peterson, Becky Butler, and Steve Wohld

Zoom: Grace Jimenez, Kaity Nissell, Katie Conradi, Suzette Smith, Claudia Yaw, Lara McRea

Recorder: Tammy Martin

Coronavirus relief funds:

Lewis County is allocating CARES Funds towards utility assistance payments. Lewis County will create a sub-recipient form that the customer would have to fill out and provide an explanation how COVID-19 affected them. The difference between LCPHSS assistance program and the grant program, are the qualifying requirements. Lewis County would create a sub-recipient and Thurston County would manage the funding.

J.P. noted this will serve a group of individuals that wouldn't normally receive assistance. This would be a benefit and makes sense. J.P. is looking at specifics of Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ) Direct Funding and allocations. He's interested in giving funding equitably.

Working Washington 2.0 grants will be open for enrollment through October 21, 2020. This would be a different grant program with different criteria. The awardees towards the end of October.

Commissioner Stamper would like nonprofits to be included and have a threshold of \$350,000.

Becky said they would have to create another MOU with the EDC to allocate additional funding. The processes would come from the EDC to avoid confusion from concurrent grant programs. Becky recommended to have Commissioner Stamper take the vacant District 3 position as a representative to the committee and then bring back the recommendations from the committee to the Board to make modifications and final decisions. NACO has put together grant application templates that can be utilized. The Board would like to have a clause to have the ability to amend the dollar amount awarded. The Board is looking at allocating \$25,000-\$75,000 for grant awards. The Board requested knowing if and how much from federal funding was previously received. Receiving additional federal funding would not exclude applicants from the current grant. Becky said she would get a draft agreement set up.

Administrative Office of the Courts was awarded \$30,000 for the glass window partitions. Work is being done to the conference room and meeting rooms to ensure that social distance can be maintained. Steve Wohld said the County is working out issues for jury trials based on restrictions and funding. In

order to meet AOC requirements, requests for alternate locations need to be made timely manner. Any construction project would be 3-6 months out for completion.

Employee training is to start Monday. The quote for training was \$26,000. Risk has advised against the pods for working parents at Lewis County due to education requirements and licensing.

Announcements:

Today at 6 p.m. is the NEPA meeting.

Meeting ended at 10:53 a.m.