

BILL NO. _____, 2020

ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2020

Introduced by Councilmember _____ Clancy

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND; PROVIDING FOR THE DEPOSIT AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT; PROVIDING FURTHER FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS FOR PURPOSES RELATING TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY CREATED BY COVID-19; PROVIDING FURTHER FOR THE CREATION OF A COMPLIANCE PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a special revenue fund to be designated as the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) fund, in which shall be deposited all monies collected by St. Louis County pursuant to section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Pub. L. No. 116-136, div. A, Title V (Mar. 27, 2020). All monies received thereby shall be deposited in this fund upon receipt, in accordance with federal law and regulations, and together with all interest generated on deposited funds, shall stand appropriated upon receipt for payment in accordance with Section 2 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. In order to receive monies pursuant to Section 1 of this ordinance, St. Louis County will provide the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury ('Treasury') a certification signed by the County Executive that St. Louis County's proposed uses of the funds are consistent with subsection 601(d) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the CARES Act. All monies received pursuant to Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be expended for necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), including expenditures to address public health, humanitarian, and economic consequences of COVID-19, with special emphasis on addressing the impact of COVID-19 on vulnerable and underserved populations particularly the African-American community and people with chronic medical problems.

SECTION 3. All sub-grantees who receive funds under Section 2 of this Ordinance shall be subject to a compliance program to ensure that sub-grantees expend funds received and appropriated pursuant to this Ordinance in accordance with federal law and

regulations.

Section 4. The Department of Information Technology and the Department of Administration's Division of Performance Management and Budget shall establish a public portal which will include reports of all expenditures from the CARES fund.

SECTION 5. This ordinance addresses a public emergency affecting the immediate preservation of public health, safety, and welfare, and shall become effective immediately upon its enactment after a two-thirds majority vote hereon by the County Council. The current COVID-19 pandemic poses a serious threat to public health, prompting both the County Executive and the Governor of the State of Missouri to declare states of emergency in addition to those actions taken by the federal government. Further, the public emergency poses a serious threat to the public welfare and business operations of and within St. Louis County. St. Louis County is applying for and expects to receive payment from, among other sources, the Treasury; St. Louis County's proposed uses of the funds provided as direct payment under subsection 601(b) of the Social Security Act will be used only to cover those costs that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); were not accounted for in the annual budget and were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020. Delay in receipt and appropriation of these monies will likely further pose serious threats to the public health and welfare by delay in alleviating the effects on health and welfare caused by COVID-19 on the St. Louis County community.

ADOPTED: _____

CHAIR, COUNTY COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

ATTEST: _____
ACTING ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

COUNTY COUNSELOR