

Woodson County Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Task Force

Minutes July 27, 2020 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 3 pm with members Dr. Pegram, Jade Bucy, Chelsie Sowder, Russel Stukey, Jamie Nitsch, Becky Boice, and Michelle Zimmerman present. One public guest present, Amanda DeWitt.

\$644,406.00 has been received and it has been put into a non-interest checking account. A fund was created in the Accounting System to track the funds.

Discussion was held as to whether or not churches could apply. It was decided they could not unless they had expenses related directly to COVID.

Discussion was held on apartments/housing. A grant will be looked at instead for help with housing improvements.

Discussed the need for hand sanitizer stations, etc. to be available at festivities.

The spending plan needs to be created by August 15th, but can be revised if needed.

Discussion was held to set aside certain amounts for each category.

The City of Yates Center mentioned they have received money for small businesses as well, CDBG. Some items might fall under that program.

Russel Stukey also mentioned FEMA money can be applied for as well. People may qualify for one or the other. However, FEMA money could be a year out.

SEK Multi-County Health Department approved amount \$29,000 (\$5,000 mask education and \$24,000 labor).

SEK Mental Health – more detailed information is needed on how money being claimed pertains to Woodson County.

Woodson County – Total COVID expenses \$50,442. Included in this total is \$26,914 for EMD for the Sheriff's office. Emergency Medical training for dispatchers. It was decided this should be submitted as a separate project as Direct Aid. Approved all other expenses for Woodson County.

Internet towers discussed, the cost would be approximately \$750,000 – this does not fit in the budget and will have to be considered at another time.

Toronto City discussed their projected expenses and needs.

\$5,700 in expenses discussed for Toronto Businesses.

Items needed for the Toronto Fire Department were discussed. More explanation needed. Fire gear would not fall under COVID. Yates Center City Clerk said there is a USDA grant available for fire departments and to have Toronto Fire Department contact her office.

Toronto Fire Department approved for \$1,000

Toronto City Hall/Library approved for \$11,500 in estimated expenses.

Total Toronto approved \$12,500

Friends for Life approved for \$4,248 in estimated expenses.

City of Yates Center requested \$3,799.14 to be reimbursed and \$36,231.87 for estimated expenses including installing a walk-up window at city hall. Discussion was held – currently they can only have one person in the office at a time. Request Approved.

USD 366 Schools requested \$211,220.02 in COVID expenses and \$60,000 for Air Cleaning Technology: Needlepoint Ionization for a total of \$271,220.02 approved for the school.

Approximately \$235,100 left to budget for at the next meeting.

Not all applications have been turned in yet.

An application for United Rodeo was considered but removed. They are not located in Woodson County.

Discussion was held on what to allow for small businesses. To possibly come up with a range for their budgets.

Also available to small businesses is CDBG, Yates Center City Clerk will get more information on this.

Daycare – Amanda DeWitt with Sprouts was present. She explained loss at the daycare and the rising cost of expenses & supplies.

We will meet again August 10th at 3 pm to continue the budget planning.

Meeting ended at 5:05 pm.