



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 10, 2020

Greene County names grant administrator for CARES Act Relief Funds

The Greene County Commission is pleased to announce Dr. Lyle Foster is joining the County as the CARES Act Relief Fund Grants Administrator.

In this role Foster will be responsible for establishing the grant application processes, as well as the review and grading procedures designed to assist the Commission with the allocation of the \$34 million in coronavirus relief funds. He will work closely with the County's internal finance committee and public information office, as well as any additional community oversight/advisory committees to be established, to ensure the fair distribution and accurate accounting of these important funds and the timely release of related communications.

Foster brings to this position more than 40 years of experience in grant writing, reviewing and management, and 20-plus years in non-profit administration. In addition, he holds a bachelor's degree in sociology, political science and urban studies from Macalester College, a master's degree in sociology from Brown University, a master's degree in religion from Yale University and doctorate of educational leadership from the University of Missouri Columbia.

Foster's official start date is June 11. The grant administrator position is funded through the CARES Act and is contracted through the end of the year. The County anticipates announcing the grant application process guidelines by midsummer.

"It is because the impact of the novel coronavirus is far from being fully realized, I appreciate how important and needed the CARES Act funds are for our area's ongoing recovery and mitigation processes," Foster said. "The Greene County Commission has a

tremendous task in front of them and one they are taking extremely seriously as is evidenced by the establishment of this role. I look forward to being a part of making the management of these funds as equitable and transparent as possible.”

On March 25 of this year the Senate passed the Coronavirus Relief Fund to provide direct funding to states, territories and tribal governments. The funding received is based on population and is to be used for necessary expenditures due to COVID-19, expenditures that were not accounted for in the most recently approved budget and were incurred from March 1, 2020 through December 2020.

###

Greene County is the State of Missouri’s fourth most populous county, serving more than 275,000 people (2010 census). Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.

For additional information, contact Donna Barton, Public Information Officer, at 417-844-4311 or dlbarton@greencountymo.gov.