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Greene County Commission approves grants from CARES reserve fund

This week the Greene County Commission voted to approve funding from a reserve contingency category set aside from the \$34.4 million in CARES Act Relief Funds made available to Greene County for local distribution.

To help make the funding allocations as equitable as possible, the Commission initially divided distributions by category:

- Tax Supported Entities-\$6.5 million
- Small Business-\$6.5 million
- Non-Profits/Community Organizations-\$5 million
- Health Care-\$8 million
- Education-\$4.6 million
- A 10 percent reserve contingency for possible emergencies or other needs.

The allocations approved this week from the reserve contingency total \$1,622,349.39 and includes the following organizations and entities:

- Community Partnership of the Ozarks-\$96,330 for shelter for individuals without housing
- United Way of the Ozarks-\$265,000 for emergency services with community partner agencies and outreach campaign
- Springfield-Greene County Health Department-\$800,000 for PPE, contact tracing and testing

- City of Springfield Workforce Development-\$6,937.80 for PPE and COVID-related expenses
- Cox College-\$84,311.87 for technology for remote learning
- Legacy Learning Academy, LLC-\$30,000 for operational expenses, utilities and payroll
- Lift Up Someone Today-\$296,574.04 for health care and COVID testing for the uninsured and those without housing
- Lakeland Behavioral Health System-\$43,195.68 for COVID testing

Total: \$1,622,349.39

Information related to the CARES Act funds is being made available on the “CARES Act Relief Fund” tab of greenecountymo.gov. This portion of the website also includes a transparency dashboard that shows the total dollar allotments by category and how much has been approved in those areas. An additional tab on this dashboard shows a list of the entities that have been awarded grants. These graphs are updated as awards are made.

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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.

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