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Greene County Commission allocates final CARES Act Relief Funds balance

The Greene County Commission has approved the remaining balance of the \$34.4 million in CARES Act Relief Funds made available to the County for local distribution. These awards represent the final CARES grants and all funds are now allocated.

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 final allocations from the Commission vote include, \$1,120 granted from the Small Business category to Aquelia Storlazzi with Innovations Salon for business interruption and approximately \$1.5 million from the Reserve category to Greene County and its partner agencies for multiple COVID-related expenses and needs such as PPE, technology and vaccine roll out. The Commission elected to consider Greene County needs at the end of this process.

“We are very pleased to have these funds allocated by the federal deadline,” said CARES Grant Administrator Lyle Foster. “It has been a learning process throughout, but

the community can be proud of the diligence that was taken to make sure these funds were awarded fairly so that they can have the positive impact they were designed for.”

Information related to the CARES Act funds is 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.

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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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