September 22, 2020

Marin County Board of Supervisors 
3801 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

Subject: Additional COVID-19 Positive Disaster Relief Funding

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1) Accept grant of $250,000 from the Marin Community Foundation (MCF) to fund disaster relief payments; 2) Allocate an additional $750,000 for COVID-19 positive disaster relief payments; and; 3) Approve budget adjustments as detailed in the fiscal impact section.

SUMMARY: Over the past three months in the Emergency Operations Center, we have prioritized getting needed resources to lower income residents who are COVID-19 either presumed or confirmed positive in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Currently 71% of those who have tested positive in Marin are part of the LatinX community. Especially where housing is densely populated, it is challenging to stop the spread without intentional proactive measures.

In July we came to your Board to authorize $500,000 for this program and at the same time, your Board accepted a grant of $250,000 from the Marin Community Foundation. The funding was quickly distributed to COVID-19 positive residents and presumed positive residents who needed resources in order to isolate and quarantine. We anticipate spending all the allocated resources within the next few weeks.

We are carefully tracking the distribution of these resources. To date, we have issued 493 Disaster Relief Payments. $152,000 has been distributed to quarantined recipients who received disaster relief payments prior to receipt of testing results because he/she was deemed to be at high risk for receiving a COVID positive test. An additional $536,700 has been distributed to residents who are in isolation after receiving a COVID+ test result. On average recipients in this program have received a $1,397 benefit.

Today we come to your board to ask for an additional $750,000 and we ask your board to accept an additional $250,000 grant from MCF. These resources continue to support residents who are positive and presumed positive to stay home, helping to slow the rate of community transmission in our community. An eligible resident will receive $1,000 for an individual or $1,500 for a family in exchange for an agreement to quarantine or isolate, thereby reducing the possibility of spread.
Given our current rate of spending, we anticipate that this funding will last through December 2020, as we are currently spending approximately $50,142 per week providing payments to residents agreeing to isolate after a COVID+ test and approximately $20,000 per week supporting residents who agree to quarantine, who are presumed positive.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** If approved by your Board, expenditure appropriations will be increased by $1,000,000 in the Countywide Emergency Response Program Miscellaneous Projects Fund (1010; project 99COVID002). Revenue appropriations will also be increased by $1,000,000 in the Miscellaneous project fund to reflect the $250,000 MCF grant and the expected reimbursements from State and Federal cost recovery sources, including the CARES Act relief fund. This action will not require additional General Fund support.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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Angela Nicholson
Assistant County Administrator

**REVIEWED BY:**

( X ) County Administrator        (   ) N/A
(   ) Department of Finance       ( X ) N/A
( X ) County Counsel              (   ) N/A
(   ) Human Resources             ( X ) N/A