

December 22, 2020

The Westmoreland County Commissioners met in special session beginning at 10:02am on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at the Westmoreland County Courthouse, Commissioners Meeting Room #101, Greensburg, PA. The following were present: Chairman Sean Kertes, Vice-Chairman Douglas W. Chew, Secretary Gina Cerilli, Esq.(via conference call) and County Solicitor Melissa A. Guiddy. The following business was conducted:

Commissioner Kertes led the Pledge of Allegiance

General Agenda

Opportunity for Public Comment

No Public Comment

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor and Jason Rigone, Director, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following item for **Planning:**

- (A) **Resolution #R-88-2020** authorizing acceptance of grant funds of \$3,400,000.00 under the Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Fiscal Year 2020- Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Grant through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and authorizing Jason W. Rigone, the Director of Planning and Development, as the Authorizing Official to participate in the calls, virtual meetings and trainings, as well as to execute documents concerning the administration of the County's participation in the Program, including but not limited to Verification of Administrative Costs During Negotiations.

RESOLUTION #R-88-2020

WHEREAS, on or about August 6, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland authorized the submittal of a Grant Agreement in the amount of \$3,400,000.00 in response to the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Fiscal Year 2020- Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Grant; and

WHEREAS, on or about September 30, 2020, the County was notified that it was selected for the Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Fiscal Year 2020- Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Grant with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$3,400,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to accept the grant award; and

WHEREAS, since this will be the County's initial participation in the Program, there will be a number of calls, virtual meetings and trainings concerning the Program itself, requiring the designation of an "Authorizing Official," to participate in calls, virtual meetings and trainings, as well as execute documents concerning the administration of the County's participation in the Program, including but not limited to Verification of Administrative Costs During Negotiations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to authorize the Director of Planning and Development, Jason W. Rigone, to participate in the calls, virtual meetings and trainings, as well as execute documents concerning the administration of the County's participation in the Program, including but not limited to Verification of Administrative Costs During Negotiations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, that the County accepts funding of \$3,400,000.00 under the Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Fiscal Year 2020- Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Grant through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and authorizes Jason W. Rigone, the Director of Planning and Development, as the "Authorizing Official," to participate in the calls, virtual meetings and trainings, as well as execute documents concerning the administration of the County's participation in the Program, including but not limited to Verification of Administrative Costs During Negotiations.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, this 22nd day of December, 2020, at a public meeting with a quorum being present.

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items for **Westmoreland County**:

- (A) **Resolution #R-89-2020**, authorizing reduction of expenditure under the Westmoreland CARES Small Business Support Grant Program to Victoria House Personal Care Homes, Inc. to reflect the reduced amount of \$3,091.00 and further rescind Agreement with Matshark Fitness LLC in the amount of \$4,962.00

RESOLUTION #R-89-2020

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”), the U.S. Department of the Treasury transferred funds to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to cover costs of the Commonwealth including (1) necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); (2) not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment of this section for the State or government; and (3) incurred from March 1, 2020 to December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, under Article 1-C entitled Emergency COVID-19 Response, Subarticle D, Section 130-C, entitled County Block Grant of the Act of May 29, 2020 (the “Act”), the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Community and Economic Development, as the Grantor was authorized to distribute funding to counties, such as Westmoreland, for the following purposes:

- (1) offsetting the cost of direct county response, planning and outreach efforts related to COVID-19;
- (2) small business grant programs to support businesses with fewer than 100 employees and to support businesses and other entities that are primarily engaged in the tourism industry;
- (3) grant programs to support the following entities for costs related to assisting businesses during the COVID-19 disaster emergency;
 - (i) certified economic development organizations;
 - (ii) local development districts;
 - (iii) industrial resource centers;
 - (iv) small business development centers;
 - (v) economic development corporations;
- (4) assistance to cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, or townships located within the County for response and planning efforts related to COVID-19;
- (5) behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment services;
- (6) nonprofit assistance programs for entities that are an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;
- (7) broadband internet deployment with priority given to unserved or underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has made available to the County, as Grantee, \$31,508,670.00 (the “Grant Fund”), pursuant to the COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant, for eligible project costs incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #R-41-2020, the Board of Commissioners established the Westmoreland CARES Small Business Support Grant Program (the “Grant Program”) in the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from the Grant Fund to assist small businesses affected by COVID-19 public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners established an application process for the Grant Program and previously authorized expenditures under the Grant Program and approved Subrecipient Agreements for Covid-19 County Relief Block Grant Funds with the Subrecipients, including Victoria House Personal Care Homes, Inc. and Matshark Fitness, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has been informed by Matshark Fitness, LLC that it cannot agree to the terms of the Subrecipient Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has been informed by Victoria House Personal Care Homes, Inc. that it only applied for \$3,091.00 under the Grant Program, as opposed to the \$25,000.00 that it was awarded.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wish to authorize a reduction of expenditures under the Westmoreland CARES Small Business Support Grant Program to Victoria House Personal Care Homes, Inc. to reflect the reduced amount of \$3,091.00 and further rescind the Subrecipient Agreement with Matshark Fitness LLC in the amount of \$4,962.00.

NOW THEREFORE, at a public meeting duly advertised with a quorum present, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

The County of Westmoreland, through its Board of Commissioners, do hereby authorize a reduction of expenditures under the Westmoreland CARES Small Business Support Grant Program to Victoria House Personal Care Homes, Inc. to reflect the reduced amount of \$3,091.00 and further rescind the Subrecipient Agreement with Matshark Fitness LLC in the amount of \$4,962.00.

RESOLVED and enacted this 22nd day of December, 2020, at a duly advertised public meeting with a quorum being present.

- (B) **Resolution #R-90-2020**, creating the Westmoreland CARES Fire Department Support Grant Program and authorizing expenditures under the COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant in the total amount of \$481,237.89 and approving agreements with the following subrecipients:

RESOLUTION #R-90-2020

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”), the U.S. Department of the Treasury transferred funds to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to cover costs of the Commonwealth including (1) necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); (2) not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment of this section for the State or government; and (3) incurred from March 1, 2020 to December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, under Article 1-C entitled Emergency COVID-19 Response, Subarticle D, Section 130-C, entitled County Block Grant of the Act of May 29, 2020 (the “Act”), the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Community and Economic Development, as the Grantor was authorized to distribute funding to counties, such as Westmoreland, for the following purposes:

- (1) offsetting the cost of direct county response, planning and outreach efforts related to COVID-19;
- (2) small business grant programs to support businesses with fewer than 100 employees and to support businesses and other entities that are primarily engaged in the tourism industry;
- (3) grant programs to support the following entities for costs related to assisting businesses during the COVID-19 disaster emergency;
 - (i) certified economic development organizations;
 - (ii) local development districts;
 - (iii) industrial resource centers;
 - (iv) small business development centers;
 - (v) economic development corporations;
- (4) assistance to cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, or townships located within the County for response and planning efforts related to COVID-19;
- (5) behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment services;
- (6) nonprofit assistance programs for entities that are an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;
- (7) broadband internet deployment with priority given to unserved or underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has made available to the COUNTY, as Grantee, \$31,508,670.00 (the “Grant Fund”), pursuant to the COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant, for eligible project costs incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, through the Grant Fund, the Board of Commissioners intends to provide relief to those Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(19) fire departments impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to help the fire departments remain viable through the COVID-19 pandemic by covering COVID-19 expenses and/or or loss revenue; and

WHEREAS, in order to do so, the Board of Commissioners wishes to establish the Westmoreland CARES Fire Department Support Grant Program (hereinafter the “Grant Program”) from the Grant Fund, with the maximum potential award to each fire department being \$25,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners now wish to authorize expenditures under the Grant Program and to approve Subrecipient Agreements for Covid-19 County Relief Block Grant Funds with the Subrecipients set forth on Exhibit A.”

NOW THEREFORE, at a public meeting duly advertised with a quorum present, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

The County of Westmoreland, through its Board of Commissioners, do hereby establish, the Westmoreland CARES Fire Department Support Grant Program and authorize expenditures under the County Relief Block Grant, pursuant to the Westmoreland CARES Fire Department Support Grant Program, totaling \$481,237.89, and approve Subrecipient Agreements for Covid-19 County Relief Block Grant Funds with the Subrecipients set forth on Exhibit “A.”

RESOLVED and enacted this 22nd day of December, 2020, at a duly advertised public meeting with a quorum being present.

Claridge Volunteer Fire Department and Relief Association	\$25,000.00
Washington Township Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1	\$25,000.00
Grandview Volunteer Fire Department	\$25,000.00
Penn Volunteer Fire Department	\$19,729.58
Greensburg Volunteer Hose Company No. 7	\$25,000.00
New Stanton Volunteer Fire Department	\$18,293.00
Sutersville Volunteer Fire Company	\$25,000.00
Rostraver Central Volunteer Fire Department	\$25,000.00
Rostraver Township Volunteer Fire Department #1	\$25,000.00
Manor Volunteer Fire Department	\$25,000.00
Sewickley Township Volunteer Fire Company #1	\$25,000.00

Collingsburg Volunteer Fire Company of Rostraver Township, Incorporated	\$2,911.02
Youngstown Volunteer Fire Department and Relief Association	\$25,000.00
Chestnut Ridge Community Volunteer Fire Company	\$25,000.00
Turkeytown South Huntingdon Township Volunteer Fire Company Inc.	\$25,000.00
Wilpen Fire Company of Ligonier Township	\$25,000.00
White Valley Volunteer Fire Department	\$11,509.52
Sewickley Township #2 Lowber Volunteer Fire Company	\$22,876.37
Crabtree Volunteer Fire Department	\$24,758.79
Trafford Fire Company No. 1	\$1,339.19
Shafton Volunteer Fire Company and Relief Association	\$12,016.85
Fairfield Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1	\$7,238.00
City of Jeannette Fire Department	\$25,000.00
Ligonier Township Volunteer Fire Department Number 1 (Waterford)	\$10,565.57

- (C) **Resolution #R-91-2020**, creating the Westmoreland CARES EMS Support Grant Program, authorizing expenditures under the COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant in the total amount of \$134,063.77 and approving agreements with the following subrecipients:

RESOLUTION #R-91-2020

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”), the U.S. Department of the Treasury transferred funds to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to cover costs of the Commonwealth including (1) necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); (2) not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment of this section for the State or government; and (3) incurred from March 1, 2020 to December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, under Article 1-C entitled Emergency COVID-19 Response, Subarticle D, Section 130-C, entitled County Block Grant of the Act of May 29, 2020 (the “Act”), the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Community and Economic Development, as the Grantor was authorized to distribute funding to counties, such as Westmoreland, for the following purposes:

- (1) offsetting the cost of direct county response, planning and outreach efforts related to COVID-19;
- (2) small business grant programs to support businesses with fewer than 100 employees and to support businesses and other entities that are primarily engaged in the tourism industry;
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 - (i) certified economic development organizations;
 - (ii) local development districts;
 - (iii) industrial resource centers;
 - (iv) small business development centers;
 - (v) economic development corporations;
- (4) assistance to cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, or townships located within the County for response and planning efforts related to COVID-19;
- (5) behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment services;
- (6) nonprofit assistance programs for entities that are an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;
- (7) broadband internet deployment with priority given to unserved or underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has made available to the COUNTY, as Grantee, \$31,508,670.00 (the “Grant Fund”), pursuant to the COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant, for eligible project costs incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, through the Grant Fund, the Board of Commissioners intends to provide relief to those Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(19) EMS Departments impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to help the EMS Departments remain viable through the COVID-19 pandemic by covering COVID-19 expenses and/or or loss revenue; and

WHEREAS, in order to do so, the Board of Commissioners wishes to establish the Westmoreland CARES EMS Support Grant Program (hereinafter the “Grant Program”) from the Grant Fund, with the maximum potential award to each fire department being \$15,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners now wish to authorize expenditures under the Grant Program and to approve Subrecipient Agreements for Covid-19 County Relief Block Grant Funds with the Subrecipients set forth on Exhibit A.”

NOW THEREFORE, at a public meeting duly advertised with a quorum present, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

The County of Westmoreland, through its Board of Commissioners, do hereby establish, the Westmoreland CARES EMS Support Grant Program and authorize expenditures under the County Relief Block Grant, pursuant to the Westmoreland CARES EMS Support Grant Program, totaling \$134,063.77, and approve Subrecipient Agreements for Covid-19 County Relief Block Grant Funds with the Subrecipients set forth on Exhibit “A.”

RESOLVED and enacted this 22nd day of December, 2020, at a duly advertised public meeting with a quorum being present.

Jeannette EMS Inc	\$15,000.00
Penn Township Ambulance Association, Rescue No. 6	\$15,000.00
Murrysville Medic One	\$15,000.00
Mutual Aid Ambulance Service, Inc.	\$15,000.00
North Huntingdon Township Volunteer Rescue Squad and Relief Association, Company 8	\$3,734.77
Rostraver/West Newton Emergency Services, Inc.	\$15,000.00
Sewickley Township Community Ambulance Service	\$10,329.00
New Kensington Volunteer Fire Department Ambulance Corps	\$15,000.00
Irwin Volunteer Fire Department	\$15,000.00
Borough of Mt. Pleasant (Mount Pleasant EMS Medic 10)	\$15,000.00

Motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 10:06am

Certified by,

Gina Cerilli, Esq.
Secretary