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SHASTA COUNTY RECEIVES COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS

In the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 State of California budget, Shasta County has been allocated \$18,153,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) funds to offset expenses incurred related to the public health emergency caused by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). These funds cover expenses not budgeted by the County for March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020. The County received the first payment of \$3 million during the first week of August.

These funds will be expended by the County to cover response to the COVID-19 disease outbreak, but also to address the hardships resulting from the disease outbreak that many of our residents have experienced. Spending will fall into the following areas:

- Response by County to COVID emergency, both in continuity of County operations and in community measures to control the outbreak;
- Partnership with the business community to provide microgrants to businesses unable to secure Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans;
- County efforts to reduce effects of mental health holds on hospital operations;
- Community interventions to mitigate stress and depression related to COVID pandemic impacts on families and individuals;
- Partnership with school districts to facilitate reopening of schools by installing disease control barriers in front offices and cafeterias;
- Partnership with providers working to keep our vulnerable seniors safe.