

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Grant Submission Request - COVID-19 Response Grant  
Application

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: September 22, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

- ( ) Annual
- ( ) Capital
- (X) N/A
- ( ) SPLOST
- ( ) TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: COVID-19 Response Grant Application

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES:

SOS has approved the grant source. Fulton County has already received funds. **NO matching funds required.**

Election offices can use the funds to cover 2020 expenses, including the following:

**Ensure Safe, Efficient Election Day Administration**

- Maintain open in-person polling places on Election Day
- Procure Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and personal disinfectant to protect election officials and voters from COVID-19
- Support and expand drive-thru voting, including purchase of additional signage, tents, traffic control, walkie-talkies, and safety measures

**Expand Voter Education & Outreach Efforts**

- Publish reminders for voters to verify and update their address, or other voter registration information, prior to the election
- Educate voters on safe voting policies and procedures

**Launch Poll Worker Recruitment, Training & Safety Efforts**

- Recruit and hire a sufficient number of poll workers and inspectors to ensure polling places are properly staffed.
- Provide voting facilities with funds to compensate for increased site cleaning and sanitization costs
- Deliver updated training for current and new poll workers administering elections in the midst of pandemic

**Support Early In-Person Voting and Vote by Mail**

- Expand or maintain the number of in-person early voting sites
- Deploy additional staff and/or technology improvements to expedite and improve mail ballot processing

<https://www.techandcivicliflife.org/our-work/election-officials/grants/>

OPTIONS: 1. Approval to apply for the grant.  
2. Board's pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Board of Elections

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Deb Cox

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: