

Woodson County Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Task Force

Minutes August 10, 2020 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 1:30 pm with members Russell Stukey, Dr. Pegram, Jade Bucy, Becky Boice, Michelle Zimmerman and Jamie Nitsch present. Nathan Fawson was present to explain the request made by Mental Health.

Michelle said that the Health Department had called in to withdraw some of what they had requested. They are now requesting \$5,000.00.

Additional applications received include Juvenile Justice/Community Corrections for \$9,719.20 and Woodson County Emergency Services for \$85,000 to upgrade the radio system.

SEK Mental Health Executive Director, Nathan Fawson explained the services they offer in our county. They also receive funding from the county and from the state. During the time they were closed they planned for Telehealth visits. In their request they are including \$35,128 for technology that would support Telehealth. They have also applied for a USDA Grant to help with this. If the grant is awarded, they would need a 15% match which would be approximately \$5,269.00. They serve 6 counties. Currently the state is allowing Telehealth due to COVID. Their office reopened June 1st. They are doing about 50/50 Telehealth and in person visits. He thanked us for considering his request. Their request was allowed \$46,029.67 and disallowed \$73,739.39.

Discussion was held.

Russell explained the weak areas for radios being in Toronto and Neosho Falls mostly and also other areas in the county. He explained that getting a tower would improve communication and also could be used for improving internet capabilities. We can purchase a 300' tower that is already in place locally. We would need to spend approximately \$50,000 to get it ready to use.

Toronto City Clerk explained the request from the Toronto Fire Department. Discussion was held and it was agreed to allow \$1,000.00 for their request. Also, the request from the library was discussed. It was agreed to allow \$12,942.87 for Toronto City including the fire department and the library.

Yates Center City is approved for \$40,030.59.

County Government total is at \$453,616.66, including county, cities, health department and mental health.

Leaving a balance of \$190,000 to be budgeted for.

Daycares are allotted \$35,000.00. \$5,000 for daycares that have 1-9 kids. Estimating 5 daycares of this size, being \$25,000. \$10,000 for daycares that have 10 or more kids. Estimating one daycare of this size. They will have to supply receipts.

A job fair was discussed as part of economic development. It was decided to allow \$1,000 to cover cost for advertising, etc.

Loss of Revenue was discussed and whether or not it could be covered for some.

It was decided that the county would handle sanitizing stations for all events and each event could use them. \$5,000 was allotted for the county to purchase these stations.

Economic Development is at \$20,000 including the Chamber of Commerce for \$3,619.90, Revitalize YC for \$4000.00, Friends for Life for \$4,000.00 and the Fall chili cookoff for \$1,500.00.

The Ignite Youth Center in Toronto was discussed. The Toronto City Clerk explained their request. Discussion was held on whether or not this would fit into this round of the Cares Act or possibly another grant later on. Extra money was set aside for Economic Development. We can allow money for the youth center when they open.

This leaves \$130,798.30 left to consider for small businesses.

Discussion was held. It was stated that oil taxes were lowered due to COVID.

Loss of revenue will be considered for small businesses.

Daycares are separate from small businesses. Loss of revenue will be considered also.

The next meeting will be planned at a later date.

The direct aid plan has to be set by September 15, 2020.

Meeting ended at 4:10 pm.