



Town of Vienna

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Legislation Text

File #: 20-1814, **Version:** 1

Subject:

Public hearing to amend the FY 2019-20 budget for use of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Funds (CARES Act Funds)

EXPLANATION AND SUMMARY :

On March 27, 2020 Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Securities Act (CARES Act) to provide support directly to state, local, and tribal governments to address the COVID-19 pandemic. Governments with populations greater than 500,000 could apply for direct federal payment from the CARES Act. Fairfax County was the only jurisdiction in the Commonwealth aside from the Commonwealth itself to receive direct funding (a "prime recipient" of funding). The county passed a proportionate amount of direct funding to the Town. The Town's portion was \$2.886 million based on its July 1, 2018 US Census population; funds from Fairfax County were transferred to the Town of Vienna on April 29, 2020.

Receipt of these funds has been a huge benefit in assisting the Town with paying for measures to prevent and mitigate the spread of the coronavirus without further straining the Town's budget.

In FY 2019-20, the Town spent approximately \$1,070,860 of CARES funds to prevent and mitigate the spread of the coronavirus. This amount is in excess of 1% of the FY 2019-20 budget, and therefore, pursuant to the code of Virginia, section 15.2-2507, requires a public hearing.

Accordingly, a public hearing is being held to invite public comment.

Strategic Plan Initiative: *Vienna is a fiscally responsible community.*

Departmental Recommendation : Hold a public hearing and adopt the proposed amendment to the FY 2019-20 budget.

Finance Recommendation : Hold a public hearing and adopt the proposed amendment to the FY 2019-20 budget.

Purchasing Recommendation : N/A

Town Attorney Recommendation : Under Virginia Code §15.2-2507, if a budget amendment is in excess of 1% of the previously adopted budget, a public hearing is required.

Town Manager's Recommendation : I recommend the Town Council close the public hearing and approve the amendment to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 general fund budget account for CARES Act

expenditures, as presented.

Cost and Financing: \$1,070,860

Account Number: General Fund detail attached

Decision Needed by This date: August 31, 2020

PROPOSED/SUGGESTED MOTION

"I move to close the public hearing."

And

"I further move to approve the amendment to the FY 2019-20 general fund budget to account for CARES Act expenditures."

Or

Other action deemed necessary by Council.