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COUNTY APPLIES FOR NEARLY \$17 MILLION FEDERAL CARES GRANT

The Butler County Board of Commissioners today approved the application for a \$16,964,790 Covid-19 County Relief Block Grant under the U.S. CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act. The funding, which is distributed by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, would reimburse expenses related to impacts of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Costs incurred between March 1 and December 30, 2020, are eligible for reimbursement. The authorized funding categories include county expenditures; qualifying municipalities' expenses; support of small businesses that have fewer than 100 employees, particularly those engaged in the tourism industry; support of organizations such as economic development corporations that aided businesses during the disaster emergency; and assistance to qualifying nonprofit organizations.

The commissioners also authorized the Housing Authority of the County of Butler to apply for the CARES Rent Relief Program, which is administered by the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency. The funds may be used to assist tenants who experienced at least a 30-percent reduction in annual household income related to COVID-19.