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COUNTY AIDS MUNICIPALITIES IN ACCESSING COVID FUNDING

The Butler County Board of Commissioners is assisting county municipalities in seeking reimbursement for expenses related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Via scheduled teleconference meetings, the county is providing information to municipal officials on how to access money received under the U.S. CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act.

Of the total \$17 million in CARES funding received by Butler County, \$8 million is allotted for municipalities with eligible expenses. The deadline for municipalities to apply is August 21.

During the last meeting on July 31, county consultant the Delta Development Group fielded questions from participating municipalities. Delta informed the municipalities that interest incurred from a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN), money borrowed to pay expenses in the first quarter before tax revenue is collected, is among the costs eligible for reimbursement.

Expenses for municipal volunteer fire departments and EMS services are not eligible for reimbursement under this allotment. However, there will be money available for such volunteer emergency services under the remaining CARES funds.

The Butler County Commissioners began holding the meetings with municipal leaders in April due to numerous concerns about the impacts of the pandemic.