

06-24-2020 Town Council Meeting
Responses to Council Questions

ITEM #12: Consider Enacting a Budget Ordinance Amendment for CARES Act Funding

Council Question:

At this stage, is the proposed spending plan for the CARES Act funds laid out here, something the Council is bound to?

Staff Response:

The purpose of the budget ordinance amendment is to recognize and appropriate the \$746,410 CARES Act funding from Orange County. This gives the Town the authority to spend this money. The Town can, at any time before the December 30 grant end date, make a change to the proposed spending plan by designation of the Town Council or Town Manager.

One additional note, Orange County, in collaboration with the Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough will be hiring a consultant to help manage our recovery efforts. The Town's portion of the cost is based on population per capita and equates to roughly \$49,000. Staff recommends the transfer of that funding from either the Economic Support or Public Information sections.