

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELLensburg, WASHINGTON**  
relating to a Letter of Intent Declaring Commitment of 25% of CARES Allocation.

WHEREAS, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05 on February 29, 2020, which declared a State of Emergency for all counties throughout Washington state as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-25, "Stay Home, Stay Healthy, on March 23, 2020, which was amended on April 2, 2020, to prohibit all people in Washington State from leaving their homes or participating in social, spiritual and recreational gatherings of any kind regardless of the number of participants, and all non-essential businesses in Washington State from conducting business, within the limitations therein, through May 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor announced on May 1, 2020 that the Stay Home, Stay Healthy restrictions would remain in place at least through May 31, 2020, and implemented Washington's Phased Approach for Reopening Business and Modifying Physical Distancing Requirements ("the Phased Plan"), which includes four phases as part of the plan; and

WHEREAS, Governor Inslee and the Washington State Department of Health recognize that there are currently some small counties with a population of less than 75,000 that have not had new cases of COVID-19 reported in the past three weeks; and

WHEREAS, all Washington counties are currently placed in Phase 1 of the Phased Plan, but certain counties in the state, including Kittitas County, may apply for a variance to be placed in Phase 2 of the Phased Plan ("the Variance) through their county health departments; and

WHEREAS, section 601(a) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act"), and the CARES Act established the Coronavirus Relief Fund (the "Fund") and appropriated \$150 billion to the Fund be used to make payments for specified uses to States and certain local governments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ellensburg has been notified that its share of the Fund will be approximately \$598,800.00, and that such funds may only be used to cover costs that:

1. are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
2. were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State or government; and
3. were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020;

and

WHEREAS, as a condition of applying for the Variance, the Kittitas County Public Health Department ("KCPHD") is requiring that all local governments within Kittitas County sign a Letter of Intent to commit 25% of the most recent (and yet-to-be distributed) CARES funding allocation to KCPHD, to support KCPHD's requirements for implementing a Variance plan which will be used for:

1. Testing capacities;
2. Case and contact tracing;
3. Quarantine and Isolation; and
4. Data management, tracking, and related activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ellensburg City Council do resolve as follows:

**Section 1.** The "Whereas" provisions set forth above are hereby incorporated in this Resolution as findings in support of the actions authorized in this Resolution.

**Section 2.** Authorization and Approval. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign the aforementioned Letter of Intent, incorporated herein and attached hereto as "Exhibit A."

**Section 3.** Interlocal Agreement. The requirements for funding as set forth in the Letter of Intent shall be documented in an Interlocal Agreement among all of the participating local governments.

Passed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

*Bruce Tabb.*

Bruce Tabb. (May 4, 2020)

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MAYOR

*Beth Leader*

Attest: Beth Leader (May 4, 2020)

City Clerk

## **EXHIBIT A**

May 2, 2020

City of Ellensburg  
City of Kittitas  
City of Roslyn  
City of Cle Elum  
Town of S. Cle Elum  
Kittitas County

### **Re: Letter of Intent Declaring Commitment of 25% of CARES Allocation**

Part of our ability to do the public health work necessary for the early reopening of the County requires, like all things, funding:

- We are asking the County and the municipalities to commit 25% of the most recent (and yet-to-be distributed) CARES funding allocation to KCPHD.
- That funding will be used for:
  - Testing capacities,
  - Case and contact tracing,
  - Quarantine and Isolation, and
  - Data management, tracking, etc.

We recognize that execution of an interlocal agreement will require action by each municipalities' governing body and that will take some time to coordinate. In an effort not to delay our County's ability to reopen, we are asking that a member of each of the listed municipalities with signatory authority sign below declaring the municipality's intent to commit 25% of its CARES allocation from the state to KCPHD. An interlocal agreement will be forthcoming.

Thank you,

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Kittitas County Public Health Department

**Letter of Intent Declaring Commitment of 25% of CARES Allocation**

We hereby declare our intent to commit 25% of our municipality's CARES allocation from the state to the Kittitas County Public Health Department for the expenses involved in the fight against Covid-19.

**KITTITAS COUNTY MUNICIPALITY:**

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CITY OF ELLENSBURG

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, at \_\_\_\_\_, Washington.

# Resolution 2020-12 Coronavirus Support Act funds for Phase 1 variance.05-04-2020

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