



Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

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Vote on a request to accept \$168,631 COVID-19 ELC Enhanced Detection Funds

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Introduction & Background: The Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) CARES Crisis Cooperative Agreement and Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) CARES Cooperative Agreement awards have been important in supporting North Carolina's response to the coronavirus pandemic. With the addition of the ELC Enhancing Detection award, the primary focus of all three CDC funding sources is: 1) direct allocation to local health departments, 2) enhanced laboratory testing capacity, 3) increasing workforce by hiring temp staff, 4) supporting epidemiology and surveillance activities and 5) expanding informatics and IT infrastructure to increase electronic data exchange. The ELC Enhancing Detection Award includes new activities centered around contracts to external partners to support contact tracing, and strategic planning and project management.

The Division of Public Health (DPH), Communicable Disease Branch (CDB), is making an allocation of these ELC Enhancing Detection funds available to all local health departments through the "CDC-RFATP18-1802, Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response, COVID-19 Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement - Components A and B Supplemental Funding" to carry out surveillance, epidemiology, laboratory capacity, infection control, mitigation, communications, and other preparedness and response activities.

Discussion & Analysis: This Activity is for the Local Health Department to work to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) by carrying out surveillance, epidemiology, laboratory capacity, infection control, mitigation, communications, and other preparedness and response activities.

How does this relate to the Comprehensive Plan: N/A

Budgetary Impact: No Local Funding Requested

Recommendation: Vote on a request to accept \$168,631 COVID-19 ELC Enhanced Detection Funds