

RESOLUTION

NO: 2021-09-156

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE: September 27, 2021

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**Resolution Authorizing Funding of a COVID-19 Mitigation Plan Specifically Tailored for Livingston County – Board of Commissioners**

**WHEREAS,** the Livingston County Board of Commissioners (LCBOC) recently considered accepting \$1.5 mm in grant funds offered by the State of Michigan for COVID mitigation; and

**WHEREAS,** acceptance of this grant would have required Livingston County to expend these funds specifically on COVID mitigation strategies deemed allowable by the State of Michigan, while also meeting the contractual terms and conditions imposed by the State of Michigan; and

**WHEREAS,** during debate and discussion concerns were expressed with both the allowable uses and the contractual terms and conditions imposed by the State of Michigan upon Livingston County. Thus, the LCBOC voted not to accept these grant funds; and

**WHEREAS,** a COVID mitigation plan supported with funds from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) would eliminate the above-mentioned concerns; and

**WHEREAS,** such a plan can be tailored to meet the specific health needs of Livingston County citizens, without having to comply with objectionable terms, conditions, and allowable use constraints imposed by the State of Michigan.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the use of ARPA funds to address COVID-19 mitigation needs that are specific to our county. These specific needs are: 1) Expanding access within Livingston County to monoclonal antibody treatments and other therapeutics. 2) Conducting vaccinations at Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) offices. 3) Administering vaccines to the approximately 400 to 500 homebound citizens in Livingston County. 4) Coordinating, ordering, and distributing vaccines to health care providers in Livingston County. 5) Provide education and resources for alternatives to vaccines for response to Covid-19. 6) Fulfilling statutory requirements contained in the Michigan Public Health Code, Act 368 of 1978.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** ARPA funds, Fund 286, in the amount not to exceed \$500,000 per quarter are appropriated to the LCHD for the purpose of addressing the specific COVID mitigation needs listed above, through September 30, 2022.

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that the allocated ARPA funds may be used to support the continued funding of staff positions authorized by Resolution 2020-08-198 as well as related overtime expenses for exempt employees authorized by Resolution 2020-03-079 and extended by 2020-12-289 and that the Board of Commissioners authorize any budget amendments necessary to effectuate the above; and

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**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that none of these funds may be used to 1) Vaccinate persons 0 to 18 years of age without the express written consent of their parent or guardian, in the presence of their parent; 2) Institute county-wide vaccine mandates; 3) Institute county-wide mask mandates; 4) Implement policies which are more restrictive than state policies with respect to discriminating between vaccinated and unvaccinated persons; 5) Implement policies which are more restrictive than state policies which cause healthy students to be excluded from school and extra-curricular activities.

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**MOVED:****M. Zajac****SECONDED:****B. Plank****CARRIED:****Yes (6): C. Griffith, J. Gross, B. Plank, M. Smith, C. Reader, and D. Helzerman;****No (3): W. Nakagiri, M. Zajac and J. Drick; Absent (0): None.**