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TO: Story County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Leanne Lawrie Harter, AICP, CFM
RE: Consideration of Allocating \$24,000 to Story County Public Health for the Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Ongoing Care and Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic
DATE: September 9, 2020

Story County staff is working through the FEMA Public Assistance (PA) grant development process in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic (FEMA-4483-DR-IA). Story County completed the Exploratory and Recovery Scoping Meetings in August, and is now working through the Damage Inventory. As part of that process, County staff reached out to Offices and Departments to determine expenditures to date as well as potential needs through the end of September (as directed through the Scoping meeting as part of the PA grant process).

Through this discovery process, Story County Public Health identified a need for additional Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to help support their ongoing and continued responses to COVID-19 throughout Story County. In order to acquire a 60-day supply, the purchase amount for the identified PPE totals \$24,000. Staff believes this type of expenditure falls within the FEMA PA grant process, however if denied through that means, there are numerous avenues for reimbursement of this expenditure.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board of Supervisors allocate \$24,000 to Story County Public Health for the purchase of the PPE, and direct County staff to indicate such allocation and purchase on the Damage Inventory as part of Story County's FEMA PA grant application.

I will be attending the Board meeting on September 10, 2020, and would be glad to address any questions you may have.