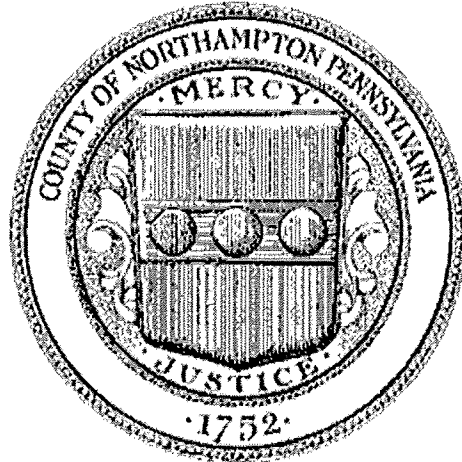


# THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON



## RESOLUTION

Number ??-2020

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SENIORS AND VETERANS TO ASSIST WITH WI-FI AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT NEEDS VIA THE COVID-19 COUNTY RELIEF BLOCK GRANT

**WHEREAS**, Act 24 of 2020 was signed by Governor Tom Wolf on May 29, 2020, and provides \$625 million in CARES Act funding by means of block grants for counties in the commonwealth through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development; and

**WHEREAS**, this funding is authorized to be used for the following purposes:

1. Offsetting the costs of direct County response, planning and outreach efforts related to COVID-19.
2. Small Business Grant Programs to support businesses with fewer than 100 employees and to support businesses and other entities primarily engaged in the tourism industry.
3. Grant programs to support the following for costs related to assisting businesses during COVID-19 Disaster Emergency: Certified Economic Development Organizations, Local Development Districts Industrial

Resource Center, Small Business Development Centers and Economic Development Corporations.

4. Assistance to cities, boroughs, incorporated towns or townships within eligible counties for response and planning efforts related to COVID-19.
5. Behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment services.
6. Nonprofit assistance programs for entities that are an exempt organization under section 501(c) (3) or 501 (c) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
7. Broadband internet deployment with priority given to unserved or underserved areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Northampton County was awarded \$27,569,940 of COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant Funding by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of Northampton County is desirous to make grants to the following school districts in the amount of \$100,000 as an educational entity: Bethlehem, Easton, Bangor, Northampton and Nazareth. School districts will utilize grant money to purchase Wi-Fi and electronic equipment for students in underserved areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of Northampton County is desirous to make grants to the following school districts in the amount of \$50,000 as an educational entity: Wilson, Saucon Valley and Pen Argyl. School districts will utilize grant money to purchase Wi-Fi and electronic equipment for students in underserved areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of Northampton County is desirous to make grants to the Northampton County Department of Human Services in the amount of \$175,000. The department will utilize grant money to purchase Wi-Fi annual vouchers and electronic equipment for underserved senior citizens and veterans within the county.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the County of Northampton:

1. That the sub grants of COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant totaling \$825,000.00 is approved.

2. That the County Executive of the County of Northampton is authorized to execute any and all necessary grant agreements with the sub grantees not to exceed the approved amounts.

**ATTEST:**

**INTRODUCED BY:**

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Linda M. Zembo  
Clerk to Council

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The above resolution was adopted by the Northampton County Council at the meeting held \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.