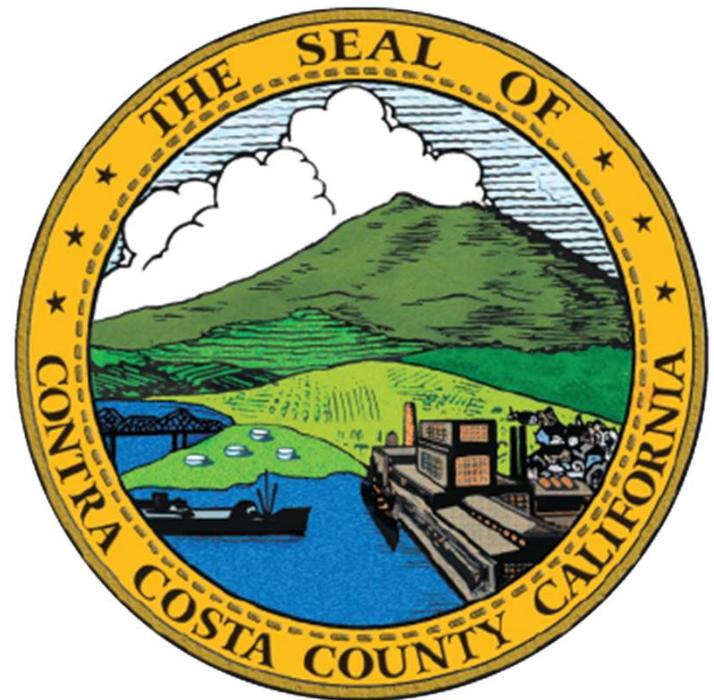# Follow-Up Discussion on COVID-19 FEMA Reserve Allocation

County Administrator's Office

July 8, 2025

Agenda

1. Recap of June 24, 2025 Board Actions

2. Community Engagement Funding Considerations

3. Snapshot of Rapid Rehousing, Food Insecurity and Rental Assistance Allocations and Current Status

4. Requested Actions of the Board

5. Discussion/Questions

Recap of June 24, 2025 Board Actions

1. Allocation: Indicated a desire to allocate $1 million per District from the General Fund Appropriation for Contingencies for direction by each District Supervisor following a community engagement process

2. July 8, 2025 BOS Meeting: The County Administrator's Office should return to the Board on July 8, 2025 with information to assist the Board in making funding allocations to each District office for cost of conducting community outreach

3. August 5, 2025 BOS Meeting: The Board and the County Administrator should return to the August 5, 2025 Board meeting to report on the outcomes of the community engagement processes and make allocations.

Community Engagement Funding Allocation Considerations

- Considerations for the Board is establishing community engagement allocations:

  - Rental Costs

  - Print Materials

  - Video Messaging

  - Website Survey

  - Translation

  - Interpretation (Simultaneous vs. Consecutive)

  - Staff time (if inviting Department staff)

- Depending how each individual Supervisor plans to conduct their Town Hall, estimate at least $2,500-$5,000

Interpretation*:

Language Pair	Half Day (up to 2 hrs)	Full Day (up to 4 hrs)
Spanish < > English	$ 400.00	$ 750.00
Vietnamese, Chinese (Mandarin or Cantonese), Korean < > English	$ 550.00	$ 1050.00
Japanese, Farsi, Tagalog < > English	$ 750.00	$1450.00
ASL Interpreting	$ 550.00	$1050.00
Other languages or regional variants	$ 550 - 750	$ 750 - 1450

*Simultaneous interpretation requires two interpreters

Translation:

Language Pair	Per Word Rate	Minimum Order Value
Spanish < > English	$ 0.16	$ 100.00
Other European, Middle Eastern & Asian Languages < > English (incl. most European languages, Simplified & Traditional Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Arabic, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, etc.)	$ 0.24	$ 125.00
Cambodian (Khmer) < > English	$ 0.30	$ 125.00
Other languages or regional variants upon request	$ 0.25 - 0.50	$ 100.00 - 150.00

Snapshot of Existing Programs

FEMA COVID-19 Reserve   *FY 2024/25 - Period 11 (thru May 31, 2025)*

Survey of Food Insecurity, Rehousing and Rental Assistance Programs

PROGRAM INFORMATION	FINANCIAL INFORMATION			
Program Category	**Total Allocation**	**Amount in Contract**	**Amount Expended**	**Contract Balance**
Rehousing	$ 28,233,840	$ 26,409,886	$ 12,408,328	$ 14,001,558
Food Insecurity	$ 9,397,514	$ 8,524,413	$ 5,112,959	$ 3,411,454
Rental Assistance	$ 10,558,692	$ 8,513,848	$ 4,487,212	$ 4,026,636
	$ 48,190,046	**$ 43,448,148**	**$ 22,008,499**	**$ 21,439,649**
as %		90.2%	50.7%	49.3%

1. Some housing programs operated by Health Services, include food insecurity and rental assistance components.
2. Additionally, EHSD administers the CalFRESH program in which the State priovides over $244.9 million to eligible Contra Costa residents for food benefits.

Highlights:

1. $48.2 million allocated, with 90% of dollars in Contract
2. Of the Amount in Contract, 50.7% Expended with a Balance of 49.3%
3. The Board has made significant investments each program area with several millions of dollars remaining available.

Requested Actions of the Board

1. ALLOCATE funding to each Supervisorial District office to conduct community engagement processes related to the allocation of former COVID-19 FEMA Reserve.

2. DETERMINE a date to return to the Board for further discussion about the allocation of funds *(September and October Board meetings listed below)*

- *September 9th (September 11th Remembrance)*
- *September 16th*
- *October 7th*
- *October 21st (Sheriff's Oversight Report)*

3. RECEIVE update on outstanding allocations of rapid rehousing, food insecurity and rental assistance.

Questions/Discussion