

CARES Act Fund Application

The CARES Act provides that payments from the Coronavirus Relief Funds only may be used to cover costs that:

1. are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19);
2. were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State or government; and
3. were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

Date *

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08 / 07 / 2020

Department *

Pittsylvania County Schools

Requester *

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Requester's email *

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Requested Item *

3,000 Chromebooks (including Google management, preconfigured for PCS domain/enterprise mode), 100 Chromebook storage carts (including wiring of devices into the cart) 1,000 hotspots with one year of data per device Bipolar Ionization air scrubber units

What do you hope to accomplish with this purchase? *

Chromebooks and Hotspots - These purchases will allow Pittsylvania County Schools to facilitate distance learning for our students for the coming school year. We will continue to loan Chromebooks to students who do not have access to a device at home. The carts will be needed to store the devices once they are returned to the school. The hotspots will be loaned to students who do not have internet access in their homes so that they can continue with distance learning opportunities provided by Pittsylvania County Schools.

Bipolar Ionization air scrubber units - These units will be placed in our older elementary schools, PCTC, STEM and Victory. Bipolar Ionization units help to eliminate smells and kill germs, including viruses, in the air and on surfaces. The cost to install this system in the older schools is approximately \$450,000.00. In addition, Pittsylvania County Schools plans to upgrade the existing HVAC systems in middle and high schools to accommodate similar units. This is more critical in the older schools because they do not have as much outside make-up air brought into the buildings as the newer schools. There is a cost savings to adding the unit to the air systems in the newer schools because by code you can reduce the outside air requirement by cleaning the recirculated air. The project for the middle and high schools will cost approximately an additional \$475,000.00 above this cost for the older schools.

How many citizens and/or County staff will change effect? *

12000

Cost of requested item *

\$945,400 - Chromebooks \$305,000 - Hot spots \$450,000 - Bipolar ionization air scrubber units Total - \$1,700,400

How does this item connect to the COVID-19 pandemic? *

These expenses facilitate distance learning, including technological improvements, in connection with school closings to enable compliance with COVID-19 precautions. Additionally, the bipolar ionization units are necessary to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Is this a recurring expense? *

Yes

No

Does it enhance an existing service? If so, how? *

Initially, these items enhance Pittsylvania County Schools' ability to provide continuity of learning during closures. However, once "normal" school resumes, these purchases will allow for greater use of technology by all of our students and staff that will help transform our current educational model to a digital teaching and learning practice.

The bipolar ionization units will be part of our on-going sanitation processes within our schools.

What is the anticipated project implementation date? *

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11 / 02 / 2020

Will this replace an existing item/project/service? If yes, how? *

These purchases will be used to add to our existing Chromebooks that will be loaned to students without a computing device and enhance our goals of establishing a 1:1 initiative once the pandemic ends.

Business where item could be purchased (local first) *

There are no local businesses that could provide these products. Purchases would be made via an existing State contract.

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