STATEMENT:

The Leavenworth Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is charged with the equitable distribution of Cares Act Relief Funds to those organizations impacted by COVID-19. Therefore, the BOCC wishes to implement the following policy and procedures for Arts, Culture & Tourism Organizations to apply for and receive funds to assist with COVID-19 related expenditures.

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Board of county Commissioners to attempt to distribute 100% of the funds allocated to Arts, Culture & Tourism organizations that provide services, without discrimination, to the citizens of Leavenworth County. Currently approximately $192,050.00 has been allocated from the County CRF.

Applications will be accepted from identified organizations that can demonstrate either direct expenses or some other loss directly related to COVID-19. They must have a primary location in Leavenworth County. They must have been in operation prior to January 1, 2020.

Who is eligible?
Entities located in Leavenworth County that fall within one of the categories identified and are equally and readily accessible to any citizen of the County.
Entities that focus services in one community will be directed to their local municipality.

How will funding be determined?
Applications will be accepted by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) until November 1, 2020 or until all funds are allocated whichever happens first. Applications can be submitted via email to Bocc@leavenworthcounty.gov or delivered to BOCC CRF Grant, 300 Walnut, Leavenworth KS 66048. Each application must include:
- Current annual budget
- Amount of request
- Explanation of how COVID-19 has impacted operations leading to a need for additional funding
- Any other sources of special funding they have received or are pursuing from other governmental entities to assist with the COVID-19 impact

Priority will be given to:
- Entities regularly funded by the County
- Programs that support ethnic diversity and multiculturism
- Organizations that serve disproportionately impacted racial minorities, people whose incomes are below the federal poverty level, those experiencing homelessness and other socioeconomic status challenges.

How will funds be distributed?
This will be a grant from the County of CARES Act Relief Funds. Once the BOCC has determined the need and the amount that will be awarded the requesting entity will be notified and funds disbursed. Due to the immediate need for relief these requests will be considered as they come in with the intent to award grants monthly.

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Chairmen, Board of County Commissioners  Date of Adoption