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Hello,

There are a few takeaways from the meeting today I wanted to highlight.

- The PIO will talk with the newspaper later today about enforcement issues they are facing with the Order.
- PPE is being distributed, tyvek suits have come in and thermometers are on their way.
- Skamania County Health Department received 200 testing kits and will start testing next week.
- The Small Business Payroll Protection Program has run out of funds and they stopped receiving applications as of yesterday. (I later learned legislation is underway to expand this program)
- The Gifford Pinchot National Forest reopening may mirror the state process, please check their website for more information and for a list of exemptions to the closure.
- Friday night (April 17) at 8:20pm (20:20 military time) there will be a drive-thru event at the High School to celebrate the Senior Class of 2020. More information can be found on the Stevenson-Carson School District [Facebook](#) page. This event is supported by the Sheriff's Office to the extent they are able as it follows the Governor's Order for social distancing (people are to remain in their vehicles). These are unprecedented times and this event allows the community to connect and celebrate in a responsible manner.

Robert Waymire mentioned information regarding funding for the CARES Act. Through the emails, and a webinar I attended after the ICT meeting, Skamania County and local governments within the county **do not need to do anything at this time**. The deadline of midnight tomorrow is for cities and counties with a population over 500k. They will receive funds directly from the US Government. An email from the Washington Association of Counties is attached, explaining this in more detail.

The Association of Washington Cities is in contact with the Governor's office on how the State will be distributing funds. When they have something, they will pass it along (and probably hold a webinar). They are also working on advocating for legislation specifically aimed at local governments under 500k population.

A matrix on other funds available for COVID-19 resources is attached. It has information for small businesses, non-profits, ag producers, ranchers, individuals looking for food sites, governments, and more.

The City is tracking purchases and time spent on COVID-19 related activities in preparation of anticipated funding.

The USDA Broadband program has been extended through FY 2021 and increased by \$100M. We will continue to track this and other opportunities that are available to forward the city's Strategic Plan.

Thank you,

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City Administrator