

IT Budget for COVID-19 under CARES Act

Technology Services has evaluated the needs to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, and is requesting funding from the CARES Act to procure the equipment, software, and services to enable an effective working environment and allow departments to continue to serve the public while observing social distancing and other protective measures.

In establishing a technology budget, the County would follow standard procurement processes for all purchases. This would include procurement through cooperative purchasing contracts (such as DIR and TIPS) as well as bringing all contracts and large purchases to Commissioner's Court for approval. This is the same process followed for the IT operating and maintenance budget.

In addition, all expenses will carry a justification and explanation to ensure they are appropriate expenditures under the CARES act funding.

Category	Example Items	Amount
Conferencing & AV Equipment	Video cameras and displays	\$1,265,000.00
Hardware	Laptops, iPads, cellular devices	\$520,000.00
Infrastructure	Internet, fiber, "cloud" hosting	\$700,000.00
Professional Services	IT Security for remote tools	\$250,000.00
Software, Licensing & Training	Online Jury software, scheduling software, increased Microsoft licenses	\$815,000.00
TOTAL		\$3,550,000.00