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Mail - mharper@hcnj.us

opramachine.com <opra+request-24040-f6afe138@requests.opramachine.com>;
>; Neil Carroll <ncarroll@hcnj.us>; Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>;

2L funding for Hudson County is projected to be completed on July 26th Monday
ship of the Hudson County Finance Department to help satisfy your request.

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RE: OPRA request

John Inagaki

Tue 7/13/2021 12:54 PM

To: Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>;

Cc: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>; Virga Webb <vwebb@hcnj.us>;

 3 attachments (296 KB)

1-3 - CTCL Check Scan RJ.pdf; 4 - CTCL Exp. 2020 report.pdf; 4-CTCL Exp. 2021 report.pdf;

Hi Debra,

Please see attached responses to questions 1-4. I do not have 5-7. Please make sure to cc Neil Carrol and Maite Fernandez on OPRA response.

Regards,
John

From: Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 11:55 AM
To: John Inagaki <JInagaki@hcnj.us>
Cc: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>
Subject: OPRA request

Hi John,

Are you able to help us answer the OPRA request listed below:

Thank you always -Debra Cuseglio

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Yours sincerely,

Shelly Kennedy

Remittance Info: Inv #Elections COVID Response Grant
The Center for Technology and Civic Life
233 N. Michigan Ave
Chicago, IL 60601
(202) 227-4172

PAY TO THE ORDER OF HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Six Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Six and 99/100

0002293 01 AB 0.418 **AUTO TO 3 5211 07008-180387 -C11-P02295-1



HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
HUDSON COUNTY DEPT. OF FINANCE, FLOOR 3
557 PAVONIA AVE
JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY 07306-1803

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JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
Verify: 888-237-9615
90-7162/3222
10/21/2020
\$ 688,656.99

DOLLARS

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From: The Center for Technology and Civic Life

Pay To: HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Invoice #

COVID Response Grant

Total

Date: 10/21/2020

Check #: 200012655

Payment Amount

\$688,656.99

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Bill Amount

\$688,656.99

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Amount
02-117-03-9N-20. 0220
The Center of Technology & Civic Life
Covid-19 response grant



10/20/2004 10:42 AM

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		COVID-19 Response Grant	688,656.99	-	688,656.99	-	-	-

(0002 8924) 00020001 00007-070 0004

* Liability Account. (Typically Credit Balance. Debit Balances are shown as negatives.)

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7/26/2021

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Re: OPRA request - Information about CTCL funding

Debra Cuseglio

Tue 7/6/2021 5:16 PM

To: Maite Fernandez <mafernandez@hcnj.us>; Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>;

Hi Maite,

The Board of Election office received this OPRA request 4 PM on June 29th and we are still compiling the information. As soon as we have a full accounting of how the grant monies were spent, we will include you on the email.

Sincerely,
Debra Cuseglio

From: Maite Fernandez
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 3:59:29 PM
To: Michael Harper; Debra Cuseglio
Subject: FW: OPRA request - Information about CTCL funding

Can someone please advise if this has been answered?

Best Regards,
Maite Fernandez



567 Pavonia Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306
Tel: 201-795-6250 ext. 6282
Fax: 201-795-6428
Email: mafernandez@hcnj.us

From: Hilda Rosario <hrosario@hcnj.us>
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 3:11 PM
To: Maite Fernandez <mafernandez@hcnj.us>

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Thank you

Best Regards,
Maite Fernandez



567 Pavonia Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306
Tel: 201-795-6250 ext. 6282
Fax: 201-795-6428
Email: mafernandez@hcnj.us

From: Hilda Rosario <hrosario@hcnj.us>
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 3:05 PM
To: Maite Fernandez <mafernandez@hcnj.us>
Cc: Neil Carroll <ncarroll@hcnj.us>; Jennifer Lambert <jlambert@hcnj.us>; Hilda Rosario <hrosario@hcnj.us>
Subject: RE: OPRA request - Information about CTCL funding

I forwarded to Michael Harper and Debbie Cuseglio..

From: Maite Fernandez <mafernandez@hcnj.us>
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 2:53 PM
To: County Clerk <countyclerk@hcnj.us>; Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>; Frank Gigante <fgigante@hcnj.us>; Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>
Cc: Hilda Rosario <hrosario@hcnj.us>; Neil Carroll <ncarroll@hcnj.us>; Jennifer Lambert <jlambert@hcnj.us>
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Can someone please forward the initial request in order for me to log in
Thank You

Best Regards,
Maite Fernandez



567 Pavonia Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306
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7/26/2021

Mail - mharper@hcnj.us

From: Shelly Kennedy <oprarequest-24040-f6afe138@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 12:13 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Re: OPRA request - Information about CTCL funding

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Dear Hudson County Board of Elections,

I have not received a response to my OPRA request. Please reply when I might expect to hear back about records pursuant to my initial request.

Yours faithfully,

Shelly Kennedy

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https://opramachine.com/request/Information_about_ctcl_funding_17

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Mail - mharper@hcnj.us

RE: OPRA request - Information about CTCL funding

Hilda Rosario

Tue 6/29/2021 3:10 PM

To: County Clerk <countyclerk@hcnj.us>; Maite Fernandez <mafemandez@hcnj.us>;

Cc: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>; Frank Gigante <fgigante@hcnj.us>; Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>; Neil Carroll <ncarroll@hcnj.us>; Jennifer Lambert <jlambert@hcnj.us>;

Thank you Bong.

From: County Clerk <countyclerk@hcnj.us>

Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 3:07 PM

To: Maite Fernandez <mafemandez@hcnj.us>

Cc: Hilda Rosario <hrosario@hcnj.us>; Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>; Frank Gigante <fgigante@hcnj.us>; Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>; Neil Carroll <ncarroll@hcnj.us>; Jennifer Lambert <jlambert@hcnj.us>

Subject: Fw: OPRA request - Information about CTCL funding

Please see initial request below.

From: Shelly Kennedy <opra-request-24040-f6afe138@requests.opramachine.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 11:07 PM

To: County Clerk

Subject: OPRA request - Information about CTCL funding

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Dear Hudson County Board of Elections,

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Records requested:

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FW: OPRA request - Information about CTCL funding

Hilda Rosario

Tue 6/29/2021 3:02 PM

To: Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>; Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>;

Please see below OPRA REQUEST.

See below.

From: County Clerk

Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 9:02 AM

To: Frank Lorenzo

Subject: Fw: OPRA request - Information about CTCL funding

Please see below

The Office of E. Junior Maldonado

Hudson County Clerk

Hudson County Plaza

4th Floor

257 Cornelison Avenue

Jersey City, NJ 07302

201-369-3470

<http://www.hudsoncountyclerk.org/>

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Re: OPRA request - Information about CTCL funding

Hilda Rosario

Thu 6/17/2021 5:05 PM

To: Frank Lorenzo <florenzo@hcnj.us>;

Cc: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>; Jr. Maldonado <jmaldonado@hcnj.us>; County Clerk <countyclerk@hcnj.us>; Diane Liming <dliming@hcnj.us>; Susan Antun <santun@hcnj.us>;

Frank I was reading the below opera request and I honestly don't know if that something that the board of elections handle

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 17, 2021, at 4:53 PM, Frank Lorenzo <florenzo@hcnj.us> wrote:

Hi Michael

Does this OPRA request pertain to your office?

Frank Lorenzo
Hudson County Clerk's Office

From: Hilda Rosario <hrosario@hcnj.us>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 2:39 PM
To: Frank Lorenzo <florenzo@hcnj.us>
Subject: RE: OPRA request - Information about CTCL funding

Welcome.

From: Frank Lorenzo <florenzo@hcnj.us>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 1:57 PM
To: Hilda Rosario <hrosario@hcnj.us>
Subject: Re: OPRA request - Information about CTCL funding

ok thanks

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From: Frank Lorenzo <florenzo@hcnj.us>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 9:39 AM
To: Hilda Rosario <hrosario@hcnj.us>
Subject: Fw: OPRA request - Information about CTCL funding

Hi Hilda

Does this Opra request in reference to elections, apply to us or should it be sent to Michael Harper or someone else.

Thanks

Frank Lorenzo

From: County Clerk
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 9:02 AM
To: Frank Lorenzo
Subject: Fw: OPRA request - Information about CTCL funding

Please see below

The Office of E. Junior Maldonado
Hudson County Clerk
Hudson County Plaza
4th Floor
257 Cornelison Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07302
201-369-3470
<http://www.hudsoncountyclerk.org/>

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CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant, Final Report

CTCL Grants Team <grants@techandciviclife.org>

Wed 6/16/2021 2:44 PM

To: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>;

*** CAUTION: This email originated from outside the County of Hudson ***

Hello,

The CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant program is honored to have supported your election office with funding so you could safely serve your community during the pandemic. Thank you again for all your work to administer safe and secure elections in 2020 and 2021.

Our records indicate that Hudson County, NJ was granted a 6-month extension to expend the remaining funds. We wanted to remind you that you have until June 30, 2021 to expend any remaining funds.

As part of the extension process, a final report is due by July 31, 2021 to indicate how you expended the remaining balance. Please submit your final report via the [CTCL Final Grant Reporting Portal](#).

Any remaining funds that are not able to be expended by June 30, 2021 must be returned to CTCL via check by August 7, 2021:

- Payable to: Center for Tech and Civic Life
- Mailing address: 233 N Michigan Ave, Suite 1800, Chicago, IL 60601
- Attn: Nareth Phin, Operations Director

If you have questions about the CTCL COVID-19 Response grant program, including questions about eligible expenses, please take a look at the [FAQ page](#) or contact us at help@techandciviclife.org. We look forward to reviewing your final report.

All the best,

-the CTCL Grants Team

7/26/2021

Mail - mharper@hcnj.us

Elections are critical infrastructure -- it's time to fund them that way

Center for Tech and Civic Life <grants@techandcivicle.org>

Wed 6/16/2021 8:59 AM

To: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>;

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Election Infrastructure Initiative

CTCL never expected to be a grantmaking organization in 2020, but we're incredibly proud of our work that funded nearly 2,500 election departments across the country when you needed it most—while the COVID-19 pandemic upended every aspect of American life during a record-breaking presidential election.

"Thank you does not even cover my gratitude. For the first time in 16 years, I feel that we were able to operate elections without worrying about budget and fully meet the needs of our citizens."

-Local election administrator, Kansas

Now we must turn to the future so election departments are set up for success for the next election. And Congress, rather than private philanthropy, needs to act to fund election infrastructure like other infrastructure.

The work you do is part of securing our nation's critical infrastructure—literally. In 2017, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security designated election infrastructure as "part of the existing government facilities critical infrastructure sector." That's why election administrators and elected officials are calling on Congress to allocate funding for election administration in the upcoming infrastructure package.

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Re: [External Email] - Emailing: A5725 1R.htm

Nicole Dirado <ndirado@ucnj.org>

Mon 6/14/2021 11:39 AM

To: Linda Von Nessi <lvonnessi@clerk.essexcountynj.org>;

Cc: Beth Thompson <bthompson@co.hunterdon.nj.us>; aamollinedo@mercercounty.org <aamollinedo@mercercounty.org>; Dale Kramer <dkramer@co.morris.nj.us>; Dennis Kobitz (dsk327@aol.com) <dsk327@aol.com>; dkatzlaw@aol.com <dkatzlaw@aol.com>; Hughes, Linda <lhughes@co.burlington.nj.us>; Ken Hirmann <KenH@passaiccountynj.org>; Kevin Lacey <klacey@hcnj.us>; Marge McCabe <mmccabe@sussex.nj.us>; Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>; RJohn.Custodio (RJohn.Custodio@camdencounty.com) <RJohn.Custodio@camdencounty.com>; ssalvatore@co.gloucester.nj.us <ssalvatore@co.gloucester.nj.us>; Theresa O'Connor <TOConner@co.bergen.nj.us>; William Duffy <wduffy@co.warren.nj.us>; Shona Mack-Pollack <shonam@passaiccountynj.org>; Maureen Bugdon <bugdon_maureen@aolink.org>;

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I put boxes out in the general last year. CTCL paid.

Nicole L. DiRado, CMC, MPA
Administrator
Union County Board of Elections

> On Jun 14, 2021, at 10:57 AM, Linda Von Nessi <lvonnessi@clerk.essexcountynj.org> wrote:
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>
> Sorry to bother you all on another topic...has another ordered more ballot boxes for colleges and if so, did you apply to CTCL grant or State reimbursement.
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Nicole Dirado <ndirado@ucnj.org>
> Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 8:02 AM
> To: Beth Thompson <bthompson@co.hunterdon.nj.us>
> Cc: aamollinedo@mercercounty.org; Dale Kramer <dkramer@co.morris.nj.us>; Dennis Kobitz (dsk327@aol.com) <dsk327@aol.com>; dkatzlaw@aol.com; Hughes, Linda <lhughes@co.burlington.nj.us>; Ken Hirmann <KenH@passaiccountynj.org>; Kevin Lacey <klacey@hcnj.us>; Linda Von Nessi <lvonnessi@clerk.essexcountynj.org>; Marge McCabe <mmccabe@sussex.nj.us>; Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>; RJohn.Custodio (RJohn.Custodio@camdencounty.com) <RJohn.Custodio@camdencounty.com>; ssalvatore@co.gloucester.nj.us; Theresa O'Connor <TOConner@co.bergen.nj.us>; William Duffy <wduffy@co.warren.nj.us>; Shona Mack-Pollack <shonam@passaiccountynj.org>; Maureen Bugdon <bugdon_maureen@aolink.org>

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> Thank you!

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> Beth Thompson

> Supervisor/Administrator

> Hunterdon County Board of Elections

> bthompson@co.hunterdon.nj.us<mailto:bthompson@co.hunterdon.nj.us>

> PO Box 2900

> Flemington NJ 08822

> Phone: 908-788-1193

> Fax: 908-806-4686

>

> From: Dale Florio <florio@ppag.com>

> Sent: Friday, June 11, 2021 4:17 PM

> To: shonam@passaiccounty.nj.org; Beth Thompson <bthompson@co.hunterdon.nj.us>; 'Stephanie Salvatore'

> <ssalvatore@co.gloucester.nj.us>; Bugdon_Maureen <Bugdon_Maureen@aolink.org>

> Cc: Regina Appolon <appolon@ppag.com>

> Subject: [External Email] - Emailing: A5725 1R.htm

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> The Governor signed the following bill into law today.

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> [First Reprint]

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> ASSEMBLY, No. 5725

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> 219th LEGISLATURE

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- >
- > Senator VIN GOPAL
- >
- > District 11 (Monmouth)
- >
- > Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER
- >
- > District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)

> SYNOPSIS

> Changes dates on which members of municipal and county committees of political party take office and hold annual meetings; transfers certain election responsibilities to county clerks.

> CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

> As reported by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 18, 2021, with amendments.

> An Act changing the dates on which members of the municipal and county committees of a political party take office and hold annual meetings and transferring certain responsibilities to county clerks, and amending R.S.19:5-2, R.S.19:5-3, and R.S.19:23-54.

> Be It Enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

> 1. R.S.19:5-2 is amended to read as follows:

> 19:5-2. The members of the municipal committees of political parties shall consist of the elected members of the county committee resident in the respective municipalities. The members of the municipal committee shall take office 1[on] by1 the [first] third Saturday following the certification of the results of their election as members of the county committee, on which day the terms of all members of such committees theretofore elected shall terminate. The annual meeting of each municipal committee shall be held 1[on] by1 the [first Monday] third Saturday following the certification of the results of the primary election for the general election, at an hour and place to be designated in a notice to be given by the [chairman] chairperson to each member and member-elect. The members of each committee shall elect some suitable person who shall be a resident of such municipality as [chairman] chairperson. The municipal committee shall have power to adopt a constitution and bylaws for its proper government. The [chairman] chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the committee, and shall perform all duties required [of him] by law and the constitution and bylaws of such committee.

the county committee shall actually reside in the districts or units which they respectively represent. The county committee shall determine by its bylaws the units into which the county shall be divided for purpose of representation in the county committee.

- > The members of the county committee of each of the political parties shall take office [on] by the [first] third Saturday following the certification of the results of their election, on which day the terms of all members of such committees theretofore elected shall terminate. The annual meeting of each county committee shall be held [on] by the [first Tuesday] third Saturday following the certifications of the results of the primary election, except that when such meeting day falls on a legal holiday then the said meeting shall be held on the day following, and when such meeting day falls on the day of a municipal runoff election within the county then said meeting may be held on the day following, at an hour and place to be designated in a notice in writing to be mailed by the chairperson to each member and member-elect. If the annual meeting coincides with a period of religious observance, the meeting may be held on another date, and under no circumstances shall that date occur later than the third Tuesday following the certification of the results of the primary election. The members of such committee shall elect some suitable person as chairperson who shall be a resident of such county to hold office until a successor is elected. The chairperson of the outgoing county committee shall transmit, with the notice of the annual meeting, a copy of the constitution and bylaws to any newly elected committee member. The members shall also elect a vice-chairperson of the opposite sex of the chairperson to hold office for 1 year or until a successor is elected and the vice-chairperson shall perform all duties required by law and the constitution and bylaws of such committee. Any person elected or appointed to membership on the county committee pursuant to R.S.19:5-2 may request, in writing and by certified mail to the county chairperson, such constitution or bylaws currently in effect. The committee member requesting the constitution or bylaws shall receive the constitution or bylaws within 48 hours of the receipt of the request by the chairperson. The chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the committee and shall perform all duties required by law and the constitution and bylaws of such committee.
- > When a member of a county committee ceases to be a resident of the district or unit from which elected, a vacancy on the county committee shall exist. A member of a county committee of any political party may resign [his or her] their office to the committee of which [he or she is] they are a member, and upon acceptance thereof by the committee, a vacancy shall exist. A vacancy in the office of a member of the county committee of any political party, caused by death, resignation, failure to elect, or removal for cause, shall be filled for the unexpired term by the municipal committee of the municipality wherein the vacancy occurs, if there is such committee, and if not, by the remaining members of the county committee of such political party representing the territory in the county in which such vacancy occurs. The chairperson of the outgoing county committee shall provide a copy of the constitution and bylaws to any committee member appointed pursuant to R.S.19:5-2 to fill a vacancy within three business days of the committee member's selection.
- > The chairperson of the county committee of the several political parties shall, before April 1 in a year in which county committee members are to be elected, certify to the clerk of each municipality in the county the unit of representation in such municipality, together with the enumeration of the election district or districts embraced within such unit.
- > (cf: P.L.2011, c.180, s.1)
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- > 3. R.S.19:23-54 is amended to read as follows:
- > 19:23-54. The municipal clerk shall [forthwith] canvass the statements of the district board, not later than the third day after they are received, as far as they relate to the election of members of the county committee of any political party, and, after counting information on write-in votes, vote by mail ballots, and provisional ballots received from the county clerk or board of elections, as appropriate, shall issue a certificate of election to each person shown by the returns [filed in the office of such municipal clerk] to have been so elected.
- > No person whose name was printed on a primary ballot as a candidate for the county committee shall receive a certificate of election as a member of any other county committee.
- > When a person whose name was not printed on a primary ballot as a candidate for member of the county committee has been elected as a member of the county committee of more than one political party, [he] the person shall file with the municipal clerk within three days a statement certifying to which political party [he] the person belongs, and a certificate of election shall be issued to such person as a member of the county committee of the political party so certified.
- > Any person elected as a member of the county committee of any political party whose name was not printed upon the primary ballot and to whom a certificate of election has been issued, shall before the organization of the county committee file with the secretary

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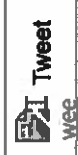
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CTCL and the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) are delighted to announce a new online series for election officials who want to keep up with the latest trends in election technology. Our five free 60-minute training sessions will explore the use of geographic information systems (GIS) to increase the accuracy and reliability of election data. Join us for our second session on Thursday, May 13th.

Combating Election Misinformation

Our self-paced misinformation course is live! Now more than ever, it's critical for election officials to arm themselves with tools to keep misinformation at bay. That's why we developed this course

in their offices, stay up-to-date with election best practices, and show the public that they take cybersecurity seriously. [Learn more and register](#)

EAC Commissioner Thomas Hicks shares a message for election officials.

Berkeley County and Charleston County, South Carolina Upgrade E-Poll Books

Many election officials dream about implementing new technology to improve voters' experiences on Election Day. In South Carolina in 2020, election officials' dream came true: they received new electronic poll books to help process voters more efficiently. But instead of implementing the new technology prior to the June primaries as they had planned, they didn't receive the e-poll books until October, due to disruptions caused by COVID-19. In just one month, election officials were able to adapt to the new system at rapid speed. Today, we're highlighting two election offices, Berkeley County and Charleston County, whose strategic preparations ensured that voters and poll workers benefited from the new technology in the General Election.

South Carolina's Newest E-Poll Books

In 2019, the South Carolina State Election Commission [purchased a new voting system](#) to enhance the security of the election process. The new voting machines allowed voters to use a touchscreen to make their selections, and they produced paper ballots that could easily be audited to verify results. While [South Carolina election officials say](#) the new system was a significant step toward more secure and modern elections, there was one problem. It was not compatible with the state's electronic poll books, called the Electronic Voter Registration List (EVRL). The State Election Commission had built EVRL over 10 years earlier and it ran on laptops. Poll workers used EVRL to look up registered voters' basic

capture the voters' signatures. "This eliminated the need for paper poll signature sheets that we had to send previously," he says. Adam was excited that the new e-poll books are able to determine the voter's precinct and ballot style information. Then, they print out a ballot card for each voter to insert into the voting machine. Since ballot styles vary depending on where a voter lives, this process guarantees accuracy and eliminates the chance of poll workers accidentally giving a voter the incorrect ballot. "We knew the new poll books would help our poll workers have a smoother and easier day on November 3rd," Adam reflects.

 A case, electronic poll book, and small printing device are displayed

One of South Carolina's new e-poll books, displayed with its case and printer.

The new e-poll books also played a role in making voting safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. In previous years, a poll worker would stand beside a voter at the ballot marking device to select the correct ballot style. But in the 2020 General Election, poll workers could stand at a safe distance, and voters could head to the voting machine by themselves. Additionally, to ensure that no one votes twice, the e-poll books automatically inform poll workers if a voter registered for absentee voting, setting in motion a safeguarding process. And if a voter arrives at the wrong precinct, the device helps direct them to the correct location.

Training Poll Workers to Use the New System

While the state of South Carolina makes decisions about voting system and equipment purchases, the counties determine how they will train their poll workers to use it. And since many counties received the poll books from the state in early October, election officials needed to act quickly to have everything in place before the General Election.

In Berkeley County, Adam's strategy was to bring in two poll workers from each polling location to receive hands-on training on the new e-poll books. Adam and his team set up 10 small group training sessions where the poll workers learned how to set up, turn on, and log into the equipment. They were also able to practice using the system with a list of "voters" programmed into the demonstration machines. This way, clerks and poll workers had a chance to ask

In Charleston County, Joshua and his team used a combination of vendor and state-supplied training materials, as well as training videos that they developed in-house. Both seasoned and new poll workers learned how to use the new technology quickly, thanks to the intuitive and user-friendly interface. "They actually had less issues learning our new e-poll books than they did the old EVRL system," Joshua remarks.

Allocating the New E-Poll Books to Precincts

Similar to training, counties in South Carolina were also responsible for determining how they would distribute the new technology. When determining how many e-poll books to allocate to each precinct, Adam and his team in Berkeley County used a model similar to the one they used for their past EVRL allocation. Every precinct received at least one. And precincts with over 1,000 registered voters received an extra poll book for every 500 additional voters. For example, a location with 2,000 registered voters would have three e-poll books. In Charleston County, Joshua says that the vendor, ES&S played an important role in helping deploy the e-poll books. He added, "We have a wonderful team here, and we did feel prepared to distribute the new equipment, even given the short time frame."

Part of the reason why Charleston County felt so prepared to distribute and implement the new system in 2020 is because they already had some familiarity with the equipment. Back in 2018, Charleston County conducted a pilot using e-poll books from the vendor Tenex for two elections. While the new technology ultimately came from a different vendor in 2020, the pilot process was still valuable in that poll workers had already learned how to use similar devices. Plus, they had learned about integrating voter registration data from the state system with e-poll books. Joshua adds, "The pilots in 2018 helped by way of understanding what this new technology would entail as far as setup, deployment, and user experience."

On Election Day: Using the New Technology

On Election Day in 2020, poll workers had to follow a few simple steps to get the new e-poll books ready to begin processing voters. In Berkeley County, Adam and his team created a voter location guide on how to set up the new e-poll

A poll worker in Charleston County checks in a voter using the new e-poll book.

Both Adam and Joshua received plenty of positive feedback about the new system. "This was a welcomed upgrade that made poll workers jobs easier," Adam says. "The voters also seemed to like the digital signing and faster process," he added. According to Joshua, "Poll workers like [the e-poll books] because it streamlines the process and voters like them because the check-in process is quicker and more accurate."

Implementing E-Poll Books in Your Election Office

If your election office is still using paper poll books, you might be curious about how to make the transition to e-poll books. Adam says "My best piece of advice would be to start as early as possible and train as many poll workers as possible. The more people in the precinct that know the equipment the better." This is great advice not only for election officials with paper poll book systems, but also for those upgrading their election equipment.

Setting up a pilot program like the one in Charleston County could be another great way to introduce your staff to a new system with support and guidance from the vendor. Of course, you could opt to conduct the pilot during a non-presidential election year. That way, you can work your way up once your poll workers feel confident with the new system.

If you are considering the switch, keep in mind that e-poll books' large size makes storage difficult, so ensuring that you have adequate space for them is crucial. Joshua added that it would be helpful to make sure that poll workers have enough space in their vehicles when they pick up their equipment.

Both Adam and Joshua believe that the benefits of using e-poll books are invaluable. "It will reduce the amount of paper you have to keep up with, allow you to create various reports, capture voter signatures and data, and reduce voter wait times tremendously," says Joshua. "It will also help ensure a transparent, secure, and fair election which is our overall goal in the first place." E-poll books can be a significant expense, but if they are a priority for your election office, Joshua encourages you to "do everything you can to budget for

We want to hear from you!

Is your election office using technology in an innovative way to serve your voters? Are you doing other exciting work that you'd like to share with other election officials across the country? Would you like to be featured in one of our upcoming spotlight articles? Let us know by filling out our [brief survey](#). We look forward to hearing from you!

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Election officials have long lifted up the need for robust, consistent funding for secure election administration. In 2020, funding from the Center for Tech and Civic Life and the federal government helped election departments make critical investments that were needed to successfully administer a safe, trustworthy process.

Since the November 2020 election, CTCL has engaged in a range of evaluative work to understand the impact of our grantmaking. We've collected just shy of 2,500 grant reports, and we also contracted an independent evaluator who led in-depth research interviews with 90 partners, the majority of whom were local election departments that received 2020 grant funding.

Through this data collection, and in countless debriefs with election officials and other experts, we've heard that robust, consistent funding is the most critical need election departments have today, and the lack of adequate, predictable funding is perhaps the greatest barrier election officials face in doing their best work.

The Election Infrastructure Initiative (EII) is a nonpartisan, collaborative effort that's bringing together election officials, nonprofits, counties, cities, and states who believe that election infrastructure is some of our nation's most critical and should be funded appropriately. Together, we're calling on Congress to invest \$20 billion at the state and local level to meet the need for securing and modernizing election infrastructure over the next decade. And we're advocating for **two-thirds of the funding to go directly to local election departments**, with the one-third allocated to state election offices.

"Physical security is just as important as cybersecurity yet often overlooked in election administration," said Grace Wachlarowicz, retired Director of Elections for the City of Minneapolis. "Our budget has little or no funding for capital investments needed to secure critical election materials that are deployed to the polls, as well as before and after each election. We are stretched in our ability to expand building capacity, replace aging equipment, or acquire the necessary equipment. Funding from Congress would allow us to make substantial improvements in these areas."

You're invited to visit ModernizeOurElections.org to learn more about EII, add your name to the letter to Congress, and share with election officials and others in your network.

Thank you for all you do to make democracy happen for all of us. Local election infrastructure is critical infrastructure, and it's time we fund it that way.

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is the attached correct?
Thank you-Debra

From: John Inagaki

Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:55:18 PM

To: Michael Harper; Debra Cuseglio

Cc: Kathy Rigail; Adriana Adarve

Subject: FW: ARF for Drop Boxes charged to CTCL Grant

Hi Michael,

Can you email a revised Fact Sheet using the CTCL grant number instead of County OE account number. Once received I can send upstairs to Abe for signature. I can replace the account number on ARF.

Thanks,
John

From: John Inagaki

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:32 PM

To: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>; Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>; Kathy Rigail <krigail@hcnj.us>; Adriana Adarve

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Subject: ARF for Drop Boxes charged to CTCL Grant

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I have attached scan of Drop Box ARF for reference, (FYI Pay to Play was included, I omitted from scan for brevity)

Thank you,
John

From: Abe Antun <aaantun@hcnj.us>
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Donato Battista <dbattista@hcnj.us>; Cheryl Fuller <cfuller@hcnj.us>; Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>
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Subject: RE: Approved: CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant

Hi Mike: Thanks for letting us know of the good news regarding the award noted on the attached. Before you can spend the money, please route for Freeholder approval, the acceptance of the grant so the County has the authority to sign the grant agreement. Cheryl will route the budget amendment. We can do both as late starters for this Tuesday's meeting. Please follow up. Thanks

Abe

From: Donato Battista <dbattista@hcnj.us>
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To: Cheryl Fuller <cfuller@hcnj.us>
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Subject: FW: Approved: CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant

I assume that if the County is going to proceed this ultimately must get routed and approved by the Board.

From: Craig Guy
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 11:59 AM
To: Thomas Deleo <tdeleo@hcnj.us>; Donato Battista <dbattista@hcnj.us>
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From: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 11:25 AM
To: Craig Guy <cguy@hcnj.us>; Patrick McCarthy <pmccarthy@hcnj.us>

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I'm pleased to share that Center for Tech and Civic Life has reviewed your COVID-19 Response Grant application and has approved a grant award totaling **\$688656.99 USD**. We look forward to promptly disbursing funds, but first we need two things from you:

1. **Disbursement information:** Please provide payment instructions using the CTCL Grant Disbursement Form here: <https://airtable.com/shrnj1ueWISCmnPec>. Note: a member of the CTCL COVID-19 Response Grants team will verify payment details before transmitting funds.
2. **Signed grant agreement:** To release funds CTCL must have a signed copy of your jurisdiction's grant agreement. Please find the agreement for signature attached. Return a signed copy to grants@techandcivicle.org at your earliest convenience. Note: Would you prefer a grant for less than the amount CTCL has awarded? Simply respond to this email with your preferred total grant amount and we will update your agreement accordingly.

Once you've (1) submitted payment instructions using the [CTCL Grant Disbursement Form](#) and (2) returned a signed grant agreement to grants@techandcivicle.org, CTCL will process a single payment for the full grant amount. You can select one of three payment methods with the following disbursement times:

- Wire transfer: 3-4 business days
- ACH: 5-9 business days
- Check: 6-10 business days

Center for Tech and Civic Life has partnered with accounting firm [Marcum LLP](#) to disburse grant funds. Marcum is using [Bill.com](#) to efficiently and securely process payments. After you've completed the [Grant Disbursement Form](#) Marcum will send an email via Bill.com to complete the disbursement process.

Thank you for all you do on behalf of New Jersey voters!
All the best,

Tiana and the Center for Tech and Civic Life Team

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October 7, 2020

Hudson County, New Jersey
County Election Board
257 Cornelison Avenue, Floor 4
Jersey City, NJ 07302

Dear Michael Harper,

I am pleased to inform you that based on and in reliance upon the information and materials provided by Hudson County, and the special circumstances Hudson County faces administering elections in 2020, the Center for Tech and Civic Life ("CTCL"), a nonprofit organization tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") section 501(c)(3), has decided to award a grant to support the work of Hudson County ("Grantee").

The following is a description of the grant:

AMOUNT OF GRANT: \$ 688,656.99 USD

PURPOSE: The grant funds must be used exclusively for the public purpose of planning and operationalizing safe and secure election administration in Hudson County in 2020 ("Purpose").

Before CTCL transmits these funds to Grantee, CTCL requires that Grantee review and sign this

1. Grantee is a local government unit or political subdivision within the meaning of IRC section 170(c)(1).
2. This grant shall be used only for the Purpose described above, and for no other purposes.
3. Due to special circumstances Grantee faces administering elections in 2020, Grantee has produced a plan for safe and secure election administration in 2020, including an assessment of election administration needs and budget estimates for such assessment ("Safe Voting Plan"). The Safe Voting Plan is attached to this agreement. Grantee shall expend the total amount of grant funds listed in the Safe Voting Plan as detailed in the Safe Voting Plan, but may reallocate funds between budget items listed in the Safe Voting Plan or to any other permissible public purpose listed in the online grant application with notice by electronic mail to CTCL. Such reallocation does not require the permission of CTCL.
4. Grantee shall not use any part of this grant to make a grant to another organization, except in the case where the organization is a local government unit or political subdivision within the meaning of IRC section 170(c)(1) or a nonprofit organization tax-exempt under IRC section 501(c)(3), and the subgrant is intended to accomplish the Purpose of this grant. Grantee shall take reasonable steps to ensure that any such subgrant is used in a manner consistent with the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement, including requiring that subgrantee agrees in writing to comply with the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement.
5. The grant project period of June 15, 2020 through December 31, 2020 represents the dates between which covered costs may be applied to the grant. The Grantee shall expend the amount of this grant for the Purpose by December 31, 2020.
6. Grantee is authorized to receive this grant from CTCL and certifies that (a) the receipt of these grant funds does not violate any Applicable Laws, and (b) Grantee has taken all required, reasonable and necessary steps to receive, accept and expend the grant in accordance with the Purpose and Applicable Law.
7. The Grantee shall produce a brief report explaining and documenting how grant funds

shall include with the report a signed certification by Grantee that it has complied with all terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement.

8. This grant may not supplant previously appropriated funds. The Grantee shall not reduce the budget of the County Election Board ("the Election Department") or fail to appropriate or provide previously budgeted funds to the Election Department for the term of this grant. Any amount supplanted, reduced or not provided in contravention of this paragraph shall be repaid to CTCL up to the total amount of this grant.
9. CTCL may discontinue, modify, withhold part of, or ask for the return all or part of the grant funds if it determines, in its sole judgment, that (a) any of the above terms and conditions of this grant have not been met, or (b) CTCL is required to do so to comply with applicable laws or regulations.
10. The grant project period of June 15, 2020 through December 31, 2020 represents the dates between which covered costs for the Purpose may be applied to the grant.

Your acceptance of and agreement to these terms and conditions and this Grant Agreement is indicated by your signature below on behalf of Grantee. Please have an authorized representative of Grantee sign below, and return a scanned copy of this letter to us by email at grants@techandciviclelife.org.

On behalf of CTCL, I extend my best wishes in your work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tiana M. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tiana Epps Johnson

Executive Director

Center for Tech and Civic Life

GRANTEE

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

To: Center for Tech and Civic Life
From: Michael H. Harper, Clerk
Hudson County Board of Elections
Date: September 18, 2020

Hudson County, New Jersey Safe Voting Plan

Overview

Hudson County faces significant challenges in executing the November 3, 2020 general election.

Specifically, Hudson County faced a dramatic increase in the number of returned paper ballots (Vote-By-Mail & Provisional Ballots) due to the Governor’s Executive Order regarding the conduct of the Primary Election. The E.O. regarding the General Election calls for a similarly conducted process. Best estimates call for a return of upwards of 250,000 ballots for the General Election.

For the general election, the number of **total registered voters is expected to be between 395,000 – 400,000** casting ballots split between the two modes of voting. This document offers an assessment of resources needed for Hudson County to safely and thoroughly prepare for the general election.

A preliminary budget overview estimate on top of what is already available to the County is as follows:

Absentee Ballot Assembly and Processing Equipment	\$573,341.64
In-person Voting at Polling Places on Election Day	\$18,000
Secure Dropboxes and related needs	\$89,000
PPE Equipment	\$8,615.35
Total	\$688,656.99

Needs Assessment & Costs

The following sections outline initial details of the operation and costs associated with each of

- **Personnel:** We currently have 5 Full Time Staff members and 6 Part Time Commissioners employed to tabulate absentee-by-mail ballots. Due to the number of ballots we anticipate receiving for the November general election, we will need to hire an additional 120 Temporary/Seasonal Ballot Processors.
- **Outreach Materials:** To promote absentee by mail and early voting ahead of the November election by sending additional ballot instructions, drop box and other relevant outreach information to all voters and VBM recipients.

Processing Equipment: To process absentee by mail ballot, we have ordered a new high-speed envelope opener from Neopost, due for delivery October 1-7, 2020. We have also ordered additional time/date stamp equipment from Widmer, with similar expected dates of delivery. Tables and chairs have also been rented for the proper socially distanced work space of Temp/Seasonal help at a cost of \$6,292.

New computers necessary for processing increased VBM numbers
Dell Computers, Delivered \$20,999.70

Additional printers and scanners necessary for VBM processing
C.D.W., Delivered \$6,400.95

Networking cost for new computer equipment
ohnston Communications, Installed \$5,706.69

Additional manual time clocks/stamps necessary for
increased VBM processing
Widmer, Delivered \$5,235

	<u>Total cost</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit costs</u>
Personnel	\$275,000	120	\$2,290.00 per
Outreach materials	\$260,000	400,000	\$0.65 per
Equipment	\$38,341.64		
Total	\$573,341.64		

ballots if it may be too late to send via USPS. In addition to equipment costs and cameras, 8-12 employees will be needed for the daily pick up of deposited ballots and monitor drop-off boxes. **These costs are estimated at \$24,000.**

the County is using our contracted Polling Machine mover to make daily pick-ups. The additional cost to the County of this Executive Ordered, Covid-19 related expense for the Primary Election was \$16,355 for 11 days of pick-ups. Extrapolating that number alone to the 37 days of pick-up we will be collecting Dropbox Ballots, brings this number to \$55, 012. Given that there are 12 more boxes for daily pick-up for November, we believe it is fair to conservatively estimate this cost to run in excess of \$65,000.

In-person Voting at Polling Places on Election Day

Hudson County is committed to working to secure many fully-staffed polling places on election day. For the primary, we lost over half of Election Day polling locations of our normal 238 planned locations. In the General, we are committed to securing between **105-115 in person polling locations on election day.**

In order to staff these locations, the county will hire 25 to handle recruitment and retention of poll workers, which are key to a smooth, in-person operation. This includes paying out \$13,000 on election day.

The State of New Jersey has committed to providing PPE for Polling stations and Poll Workers on Election day. This does NOT include additional PPE that will be require for the safety of in-house temporary workers that will be processing received ballots prior to. On and after Election Day and Desks and Chairs needed for the proper social distancing at a cost of \$8,615.35.

	<u>Total cost</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit costs</u>
Dropbox Pick-Up/Monitoring	\$89,000	12	\$7,417.00
Poll Worker PPE	\$8,615.35	40	\$215.38
Personnel Costs	\$13,000	25	\$520

Conclusion

The investments outlined above will allow Hudson County to reduce the risk of exposure to coronavirus for voters, election staff and poll workers; identify best practices; innovate to efficiently and effectively educate our residents about how to exercise their right to vote; be intentional and strategic in reaching our historically disenfranchised residents and communities; and, above all, ensure the right to vote in a diversity of communities throughout the county. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this request.

**BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
COUNTY OF HUDSON**

RESOLUTION

No. 549-9-2020

On Motion of Freeholder Walker

Seconded by Freeholder O'Dea

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO
APPLY FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE GRANT
ISSUED BY THE CENTER FOR TECH AND CIVIC LIFE
ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Hudson County Board of Elections is one of the County Departments responsible for election related services; and

WHEREAS, due to the Governor's Executive Order, all registered voters in Hudson County will receive a Vote-By-Mail ballot for the November 3, 2020 general election in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, grant money is needed for seasonal staffing, drop boxes, high volume ballot opener/time stamper, secured receptacles for poll locations to secure collection and transportation of the Vote-By-Mail ballots and printers and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Tech and Civic Life has committed \$300 million dollars to promote safe and reliable voting in states and localities during the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections is interested in applying for and accepting grant funds from the Center for Tech and Civic Life for the above described purpose; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial for the County to obtain these grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hudson, that:

BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS COUNTY OF HUDSON

RESOLUTION

No.

On Motion of Freeholder _____

Seconded by Freeholder _____

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Freeholder	Aye	Nay	Abst.	N.P.	Freeholder	Aye	Nay	Abst.	N.P.
Walker	/				Cedeño	/			
Cifelli	/				Rodriguez	/			
Kopacz	/				Romano	/			
Torres	/				Chairperson Vainieri	/			
O'Dea	/								

It is hereby certified that at a regular meeting of the Board of Freeholders of the County of Hudson held on the 21st day of Sept. A.D. 2020, the foregoing resolution was adopted with 9 members voting in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM

BY: DONATO J. BATTISTA

HUDSON COUNTY COUNSEL

Sources Hudson County Board of Elections

RM:dmp

RESOLUTION FACT SHEET

Date:	April 7, 2021
Department of Origin:	Hudson County Board of Elections
Division:	Elections
Nature of Resolution:	Resolution authorizing the purchase of ten secure election vote by mail drop boxes from American Security Cabinets, LLC in the Amount of <u>\$53,810.00</u> Secure Election Drop Boxes beneficial to the growing number of voters in Hudson County
Source of Funding:	Hudson County Board of Elections Account 01-201-20-123-03
Term/Renewal:	N/A
Nature of the contract:	Due to the increased number of vote by mail in ballots and in accordance to the executive order #177 dated in 2020 The Governor has ordered the placement of secured election vote by mail drop boxes placed throughout the county for the deposit of the said VERM's

RATIONALE FOR CONTRACTING/ACTION:

The above secured election vote by mail drop boxes are in addition to the state approved and already placed drop boxes and is beneficial to the conduct of all elections and voters of Hudson County.

This expense is an allowable use of CTCL Grant monies as a COVID-19 related expense.

Hudson County

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

April 6, 2021

Memo

Re: Requisition # 167880

To: Finance Department

From: Michael Harper, Clerk Board of Elections

The Board asks for your approval of the purchase of ten additional secure election vote by mail drop boxes to reach the number we feel beneficial to the voters of Hudson County.

According to Executive order #177 dated in 2020 the Governor has ordered the placement of secured election VBM drop boxes placed throughout the county for the deposit of said VBM's by voters. The State provided 13 such drop boxes to Hudson County. The County Board of Election purchased/ provided 4 drop boxes, the Board asks for your approval for an additional ten drop boxes to reach the number we feel beneficial to the growing number of voter's voting by mail in Hudson County.

This expense is an allowable use of CTCL Grant monies as a COVID-19 related expense.

John Minella
Chairperson

Paul Castelli
Secretary

Janet Larwa
Member

Daniel E. Beckelmen
Member

Peter E. Horton
Member

Daniel Miqueli
Member

Michael H. Harper
Clerk

DETERMINATION OF VALUE CERTIFICATION

Michael H. Harper, being the Clerk of the Hudson County Board of Election, does hereby certify that the total value of the contract proposed for award to American Security Cabinets for (\$53,810.00.) DOLLARS.

I am fully aware that if I have misrepresented, in whole or in part, any statement in this Certification, I will be liable for any penalty permitted under law.



Michael H. Harper, Clerk
Hudson County Board of Elections

New proposal
Reg 167880
4/6/11 DC



BALLOT DROP PROPOSAL

/ EXCLUSIVELY FOR
Hudson County Board of Elections

/ PREPARED BY
Samantha McMahon
smcmahon@secstr.com
American Security Cabinets

American
Security
Cabinets

your

Quote #: Q102280

4/17/2021					
4/30/2021					

10	BAL-610-SB-OHC-TC Bullet 610-SB Exterior w/ Transfer Cart American Bullet Drop Model 610 Stainless Steel One-Hand-Choke with a Lockable Transfer Cart.				\$28,950.00
10	BAL-610-SB-OHC Knock Model 610 SB One-Hand-Choke Knock American Security Cabinets Model 610 Stainless Steel One-Hand-Choke.				\$2,000.00
20	BAL-610-TC Bullet 610 Locking Transfer Cart American Security Cabinets Bullet Drop Model 610 Locking Transfer Cart.				\$1,124.00
10	BAL-S-610-CFG Bullet 610-OHC Custom Printed Graphics Set of Custom Printed Matte Graphics for the BAL-610-SB-OHC Knock				\$0.00
10	Freight WLB-Gate Freight with L&L Gate Service				\$300.00
10	Freight Freight for entire cart				\$178.00
					\$33,910.00

Subtotal	\$53,810.00
Shipping Cost	\$0.00

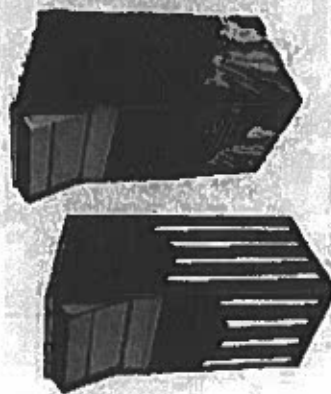
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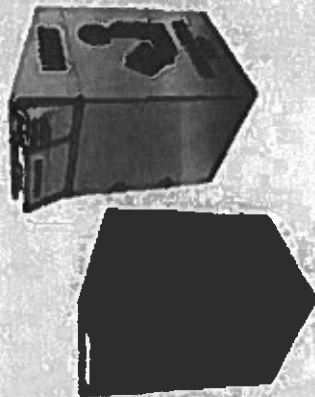
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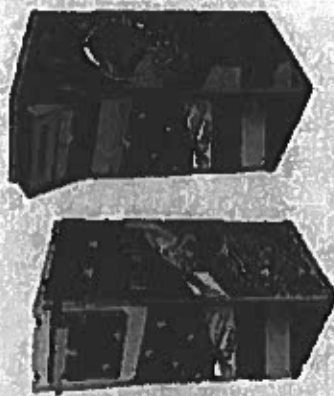
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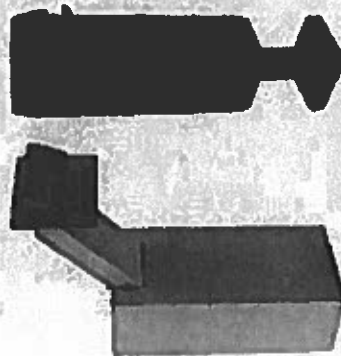
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Document Drops



REQUISITION

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REQUISITION NUMBER

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COUNTY OF HUDSON
ADMINISTRATION ANNEX

967 Pavonia Ave

JERSEY CITY NJ 07306

201-795-6000

FAX:

TAX ID: 226002443

421946

AMERICAN SECURITY CABINETS, LLC

6321 BURY DRIVE

SUITE 19

EDEN PRARIE MN 55346

SAMANTHA McMAHON

HUDSON PLAZA

257 CORNELISON AVE

JERSEY CITY NJ 07302

REQ DATE

3/22/2021

CONTRACT NO.
QUOTE

CREATED BY

dcusegli

DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

DESCRIPTION / SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

ATTN: DESRA/ BO. OF ELECTIONS

ACCOUNT	QUANTITY	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
0120120123035621	10.000		BAL -810-SS-ORC-TC Ballot 810-SS Exterior w/Transfer Cart American Ballot Drop Model 810 Stainless Steel One-Hand-Chute with a Lockable Transfer Cart.	0.000	0.00
0120120123035621	10.000		BAL-810-SS-ORC Kiosk Model 810 SS One-Hand-Chute Kiosk American Security Cabinets Model 810 Stainless Steel One-Hand-Chute.	2655.000	26,550.00
0120120123035621	20.000		BAL-810-TC Ballot 810 Locking Transfer Cart American Security Cabinets Ballot Drop Model 810 Locking Transfer Cart.	1124.000	22,480.00
0120120123035621	10.000		BAL-S-810-CFG-Ballot 810-ORC Custom Printed Graphics Set of Custom Printed Matte Graphics for the BAL-810-SS-ORC Kiosk	0.000	0.00
0120120123035621	10.000		Freight w/Lift-Gate - Freight with Lift-Gate Service	300.000	3,000.00
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Added line on account 01-201-20-123-03-5621 for 11240.00

APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE

REQUISITION

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REQUISITION NUMBER

167880

COUNTY OF HUDSON
ADMINISTRATION ANNEX

567 Pavonia Ave
JERSEY CITY NJ 07306
201-786-6000
FAX:

TAX ID: 220002443

REQ DATE
3/22/2021

CONTRACT NO.
QUOTE

CREATED BY
dousegli

DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

421946
AMERICAN SECURITY CABINETS, LLC
6321 BURY DRIVE
SUITE 19
EDEN PRARIE MN 55346
SAMANTHA McMAHON

HUDSON PLAZA
257 CORNELISON AVE
JERSEY CITY NJ 07302

REQUISITION / SPECIAL REQUISITION

ATTN: DEBRA/ ED. OF ELECTIONS

ACCOUNT	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
0120120123035621	10.000	178.000	1,780.00
Freight for extra cart (Attached - Ballot Drop Proposal Quote # QU02280)			
PO Total			53,810.00

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REQUIRES ADDITIONAL QUOTES. See Reimbursable to CTCI Grant mailer
Added line on account 01-201-20-123-03-5621 for 11448.00

APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE

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--BID ONLY SECTION--

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TO LEGAL FORM: _____

DATE _____

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RESOLUTION FACT SHEET

Date:	April 7, 2021
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Division:	Elections
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	Secure Election Drop Boxes beneficial to the growing number of voters in Hudson County
Source of Funding:	CTCL GRANT 02-213-40-915-20-000
Term/Renewal:	N/A
Nature of the contract:	Due to the increased number of vote by mail in ballots and in accordance to the executive order #177 dated in 2020 The Governor has ordered the placement of secured election vote by mail drop boxes placed throughout the county for the deposit of the said VBM's

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7/26/2021

Mail - mharper@hcnj.us

RE: CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant, Extension Request - Approved

Kathy Rigail

Wed 4/21/2021 11:08 AM

To: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>; John Inagaki <jinagaki@hcnj.us>;
Cc: Adriana Adarve <aadarve@hcnj.us>; Cheryl Fuller <cfuller@hcnj.us>; Virga Webb <vwebb@hcnj.us>;

Debra/Michael,

Thank you for providing the proof of the grant extension and the availability of the funds balance. Please send us a copy of the expenditure report(s) that were submitted to date. We need to charge the grant for all the expenses and reimburse possibly your operating account and/or the CARES ACT expenditures. Thank you

From: Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us> **On Behalf Of** Michael Harper
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 6:23 PM
To: John Inagaki <jinagaki@hcnj.us>
Cc: Kathy Rigail <krigail@hcnj.us>; Adriana Adarve <aadarve@hcnj.us>; Cheryl Fuller <cfuller@hcnj.us>; Virga Webb <vwebb@hcnj.us>
Subject: FW: CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant, Extension Request - Approved

Hello John,

Michael did receive the email below Approving the CTCL Grant Extension.
Sincerely-Debra

From: CTCL Grants Team <grants@techandcivillife.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 7:05 PM
To: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>
Subject: CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant, Extension Request - Approved

*** CAUTION: This email originated from outside the County of Hudson ***

Hello from the CTCL team,

Thank you for submitting your extension request and for your patience throughout the review process. We are pleased to share that CTCL has approved your request for a 6-month extension to the extent that your proposed expenditures fall within the below criteria.

7/26/2021

Mail - mharper@hcnj.us

- Payment of invoices or expenses incurred or arising from the November 2020 general election, including any associated runoffs, even if the expenses are paid in 2021.
- Expenses related to the safe administration of elections taking place in 2021 during a pandemic, for which an election department is unable to use supplemental federal funds that Congress approved in 2020 (or where federal funds are unavailable).

*Please note that we understand that you may adjust your plans for expending remaining funds based on this criteria. You are **not** required to resubmit an "Additional Information Form" proposed 2021 budget.

2. A final report is to be submitted no later than July 31, 2021. Please submit via the [reporting portal](#).

3. Grantees will be required to return any unspent funds at the time of final reporting.

- Any remaining funds that are not able to be spent on the above categories of expenditures must be returned to CTCL via check by **August 7, 2021**.
 - Payable to: Center for Tech and Civic Life
 - Mailing address: 233 N Michigan Ave, Suite 1800, Chicago, IL 60601
 - Attn: Nareth Phin, Operations Director

Thank you for all your hard work! And as always, let us know if you have any other questions by contacting us at grants@rechandcivillife.org.

Best,

The CTCL team

7/26/2021

Mail - mharper@hcnj.us

OPRA

Bugdon_Maureen <Bugdon_Maureen@aclink.org>

Wed 3/24/2021 5:45 PM

To: Shona Mack-Pollock <shonam@passaiccountynj.org>;

*** CAUTION: This email originated from outside the County of Hudson ***

Anyone else get an OPRA from NJ Spotlight on their CTCL expenditures?

7/26/2021

Mail - mharper@hcnj.us

CTCL COVID-19 Grant: Extension Request

CTCL Grants Team <grants@techandciviclelife.org>

Sun 1/31/2021 10:15 PM

To: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>;

*** CAUTION: This email originated from outside the County of Hudson ***

Hello from the CTCL team,

Thank you for submitting your CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant report and extension request for review. As part of our review process, we need additional information to proceed.

You have indicated that you have \$168162.92 remaining of your jurisdiction's COVID-19 Response Grant, which totaled \$688656.99. To move forward, please complete the Extension Request - Additional Information Form by Monday, February 1, 2021, to let us know the following:

- Are there expenses you could have charged to the CTCL grant that you did not? We encourage you to review your 2020 election spending. Please resubmit your total spending through December 31, 2020. Please submit this information even if there is no change from the amounts initially reported.
 - Reminder: the terms of your grant covers expenses incurred between June 15, 2020 and December 31, 2020.
- If your extension request is approved, how do you intend to use your remaining grant funds? Let us know by submitting your plan for spending the remainder of your grant funds.
 - Reminder: funds must be expended exclusively for the public purpose of planning and operationalizing safe and secure election administration in your jurisdiction. If an extension request is approved, all funds must be expended by June 30, 2021.

Thank you again for your help throughout this process. And as always, let us know if you have any other questions.

-the CTCL team

7/26/2021

Mail - mharper@hcnj.us

We have received your response for CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant Report

CTCL <noreply@jotform.com>

Sun 1/31/2021 4:08 PM

To: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>;

*** CAUTION: This email originated from outside the County of Hudson ***

CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant Report

Name Michael Harper
Email mharper@hcnj.us
State New Jersey
Jurisdiction Hudson County, NJ
Office Name Board of Elections

1. Total CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant received: 688656.99

2. Please indicate how much of the grant funds were spent on the following public purposes between the dates of June 15, 2020 and December 31, 2020:

	\$ Amount
a. Ballot drop boxes	21416
b. Drive-through voting	
c. Personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff, poll workers, or voters	1822.50
d. Poll worker recruitment funds, hazard pay, and/or training expenses	
e. Polling place rental and cleaning expenses	
f. Temporary staffing support	275000
g. Election department real estate costs, or costs associated with satellite election department office	
h. Vote-by-mail/Absentee voting equipment or supplies	53439.74

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3 do not match, for what additional purposes were grant funds expended?

5. I certify that grant funds have only been

expended for the public purpose of improving, administering and ensuring the safety of elections.

Yes

Your initials:

MHH

6. Are you interested in requesting a 6-month extension to your grant agreement in order to spend down your grant funds?

Yes, I would like to request a 6-month extension to my grant agreement.

7. What amount of grant funds has not been expended?

168162.92

Yes, I'd like to receive CTCL's newsletter.

Once a month, we send out a newsletter called ELECTricity, which helps election

7/26/2021

resources,
and tools.
Would you
like to receive
this
newsletter?

Today's Date 01-31-2021

Now create your own JotForm - It's free!

Create a JotForm

Mail - mharper@hcnj.us

7/26/2021

Mail - mharper@hcnj.us

RE: PO's attributable to CTCL Grant

John Inagaki

Thu 1/28/2021 9:54 PM

To: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>; Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>;

Cc: Kathy Rigail <krigail@hcnj.us>; Adriana Adarve <aadarve@hcnj.us>;

 1 attachments (7 KB)

915 CTCL 1-29-21 report.pdf;

Hi Michael,

I reclassified most of the PO and reqs. listed below with exception of POs:

153611 - \$662.00

158203 - \$1,924.00

Because they are in pending payment status and I can not change until the check is cut.

Attached is the activity report for this grant, (I gave you and Debra access to view activity on this grant.)

I can not journalized the \$275k in salary expenses until the State delivers the check.

So to figure true balance after all adjustments, you have to add back the \$275k and subtract pending payments (\$662 and \$1,924)

I am available tomorrow to go over before you send out Monday.

Regards,
John

From: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>

Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 12:18 PM

To: John Inagaki <JInagaki@hcnj.us>

Subject: PO's attributable to CTCL Grant

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- 154786 (PPE)
- 154551 (stamps)
- 154618 (storage bins)
- 152871 (envelope opener)
- 153611 (paper)
- 158203 (table rental)
- 152744 (table rental)
- 154881 (table rental)
- 155734 (table rental)
- 153028 (PPE)
- 155566 (Printing)
- 155534 (Printing)
- 155478 (signage)
- 165223 (tech support)
- 165224 (tech support)
- 165225 (tech support)
- 152653 (ballot bags)
- 153793 (seals)
- 158089 (Ballot Drop Boxes)

150174 (Drop Box pick-up), n.b.- \$16,355 is attributable to COVID , and therefore this grant, of the total \$39,983 the PO is for...

I may send some additional as I dig deeper...
Thanks for your assistance,

Harper

Grant Expenses

Activity to 01/28/2021

* ACTIVITY = Budget - Balance + Encumbered (You can include the break out by journal from the report optional)
 * Funding Department/Numbers are as of new line numbers report generated.
 Month: 02/15/2021

Account Number	Description	Budget	Activity	Encumbered	Balance	Pe Rec
02-213-40-915-20-0000	XXXX COVID-19 Response Grant	688,656.99	-	-	688,656.99	117,31
02-213-40-915-20-4701	Regular Salary	-	215,663.75	-	(215,663.75)	
02-213-40-915-20-4702	Overtime Pay	-	59,336.25	-	(59,336.25)	
02-213-40-915-20-5821	Furnishings	-	8,428.15	-	(8,428.15)	
02-213-40-915-20-6521	Medical Supplies and Expenses	-	-	1,822.50	(1,822.50)	
02-213-40-915-20-6621	New Equipment	-	74,885.74	-	(74,885.74)	
02-213-40-915-20-6721	Outside Services	-	19,595.00	-	(19,595.00)	
02-213-40-915-20-6821	Office Supplies	-	302.99	-	(302.99)	
02-213-40-915-20-7021	Printing and Stationery	-	9,895.00	-	(9,895.00)	
02-213-40-915-20-7221	Rentals	-	10,788.00	-	(10,788.00)	
02-213-40-915-20-8721	MIS Small Equipment and Supplies	-	2,466.69	-	(2,466.69)	
TOTALS		688,656.99	401,361.57	1,822.50	285,472.92	117,31

John -

I guess 11am today it is! Since you are working from home, would you like to call me? Cell is (201)725-1526.
Thanks, speak in a bit.

Harper

From: John Inagaki

Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 10:24:04 AM

To: Michael Harper

Subject: RE: Need 30 minutes of your time regarding CTCL Grant Expenditures

Hi Mike,

Does today at 1 (in the office until 2 today) or tomorrow at 11 (wfh tomorrow and Friday) work?

John

From: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>

Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 9:59 AM

To: John Inagaki <jinagaki@hcnj.us>

Subject: Need 30 minutes of your time regarding CTCL Grant Expenditures

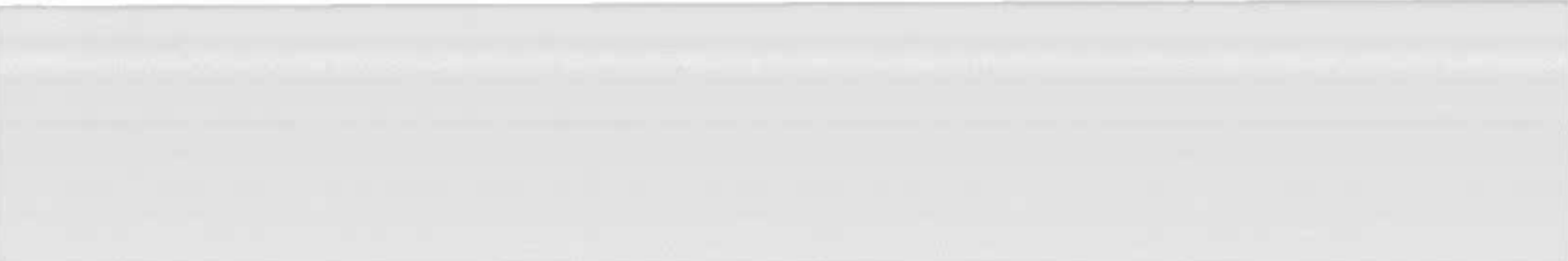
John -

Hope this finds you well. I am due to submit an expenditure report to the Center for Technology and Civic Life regarding the expenditure of the grant money we received from them.

For this reason, I would like to go over with you exactly what has been spent, and on what, and what amount of that money is left to be spent.

I know we moved some of that money away from temp salaries when we received State money for same. I have some allowable expenditures in mind on which to use remaining CTCL monies.

My submission is due on Monday, Please let me know if you have a half hour or so for me over the next two days,



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- ☒ Grant agreement signed and returned
- ☒ Disbursement form completed
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Note: Your full grant award should be used to cover the costs of administering a safe and secure November 2020 election. However, you may have unspent funds when you submit your grant report in January 2021. At that time, you will have an opportunity to request a 6-month extension on your grant agreement, providing you until June 30, 2021 to expend the remainder of your grant award. You can reference the [draft grant report template](#) to get a sense of the way you will be asked to report expenses.

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Thank you again,

CTCL Grants Team

915-20 B.A. the center for Tech and Civic Life.pdf;

Cheryl/John,

Attached is the budget amendment for the COVID-19 Response Grant which includes the memo. Good to go.
Thank you Michael.

From: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>

Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 4:39 PM

To: Cheryl Fuller <cfuller@hcnj.us>; Kathy Rigail <krigail@hcnj.us>; Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>

Cc: John Inagaki <jinagaki@hcnj.us>; Abe Antun <aantun@hcnj.us>; Vanessa Weber <vweber@hcnj.us>; Adriana Adarve <aadarve@hcnj.us>; Virga Webb <vwebb@hcnj.us>; Donato Battista <dbattista@hcnj.us>; Daniel Desalvo <ddesalvo@hcnj.us>

Subject: Re: CTCL Elections Grant

Cheryl -

Please let me know if this hits all points necessary.

Thank you for your assistance in this effort.

Michael H. Harper

From: Cheryl Fuller

Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 3:54 PM

To: Kathy Rigail; Debra Cuseglio; Michael Harper

Cc: John Inagaki; Abe Antun; Vanessa Weber; Adriana Adarve; Virga Webb; Donato Battista; Daniel Desalvo

Subject: RE: CTCL Elections Grant

Hello Michael and Debra,

Administration Annex

567 Pavonia Ave., 3rd Fl.

Jersey City, New Jersey 07306

(V) 201-795-6077 ext 6131

(F) 201-369-3411

From: Kathy Rigail <krigail@hcnj.us>

Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 5:09 PM

To: Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>; Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>

Cc: Cheryl Fuller <cfuller@hcnj.us>; John Inagaki <jlinagaki@hcnj.us>; Abe Antun <aantun@hcnj.us>; Vanessa Weber <vweber@hcnj.us>; Adriana

Adarve <aadarve@hcnj.us>; Virga Webb <vwebb@hcnj.us>

Subject: FW: CTCL Elections Grant

Good afternoon,

I am not sure if you were notified but no acceptance of funds is needed as it was done on the authorization to apply res. 549-9-2020 5th paragraph. The budget amendment is prepared and ready to be submitted but I do still need a memo coming from the elections dept. The one we received from the authorization to apply which we would typically use doesn't provide detailed information that is available now.

Please include in the memo information below:

- reference res. 549-9 -2020 that the board approved the application and acceptance of funds
- the amount of funds awarded (\$688,656.99)
- name of the grant (COVID-19 Response Grant)
- where the funds came from (CTCL)

Kathy Rigail

From: Cheryl Fuller <cfuller@hcnj.us>
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 2:41 PM
To: Abe Antun <aantun@hcnj.us>; Donato Battista <dbattista@hcnj.us>; Craig Guy <cguy@hcnj.us>
Cc: David Drumeler <ddrumeler@hcnj.us>; Daniel Desalvo <ddesalvo@hcnj.us>; Vanessa Weber <vweber@hcnj.us>; Marcy McClary
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Subject: CTCL Elections Grant

Abe and Don,

The budget amendment to include this grant in the budget will be a late starter for next week. No need for any other action since we previously approved a resolution to apply for and accept the grant if awarded. Thank you.

Cheryl

Cheryl G. Fuller, CPA, CFO

Director, Department of Finance and Administration

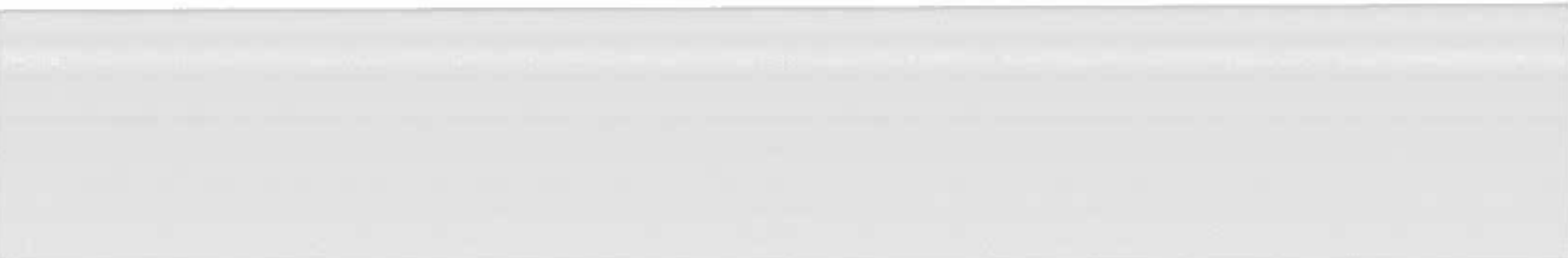
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2 attachments (417 KB)

GrantApp1.pdf; GrantApp2.pdf;

Submitted Expenditures for Approved CTCL Elections Grant

Thank you,

MHH

 1 attachments (92 KB)
DOC045.pdf;

Signed Grant Agreement for Hudson County, NJ Elections Grant from CTCL.

Michael H. Harper

October 7, 2020

Hudson County, New Jersey
County Election Board
257 Cornelson Avenue, Floor 4
Jersey City, NJ 07302

Dear Michael Harper,

I am pleased to inform you that based on and in reliance upon the information and materials provided by Hudson County, and the special circumstances Hudson County faces administering elections in 2020, the Center for Tech and Civic Life ("CTCL"), a nonprofit organization tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") section 501(c)(3), has decided to award a grant to support the work of Hudson County ("Grantee").

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- has produced a plan for safe and secure election administration in 2020, including an assessment of election administration needs and budget estimates for such assessment ("Safe Voting Plan"). The Safe Voting Plan is attached to this agreement. Grantee shall expend the total amount of grant funds listed in the Safe Voting Plan as detailed in the Safe Voting Plan, but may reallocate funds between budget items listed in the Safe Voting Plan or to any other permissible public purpose listed in the online grant application with notice by electronic mail to CTCL. Such reallocation does not require the permission of CTCL.
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 5. The grant project period of June 15, 2020 through December 31, 2020 represents the dates between which covered costs may be applied to the grant. The Grantee shall expend the amount of this grant for the Purpose by December 31, 2020.
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term of this grant. Any amount supplanted, reduced or not provided in contravention of this paragraph shall be repaid to CTCL up to the total amount of this grant.

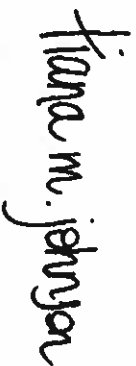
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On behalf of CTCL, I extend my best wishes in your work.

Sincerely,



Tiana Epps Johnson

Executive Director

Center for Tech and Civic Life

CENTER FOR TECH & CIVIC LIFE
233 N. MICHIGAN AVE., SUITE 1500
CHICAGO, IL 60601

HELLO@TECHANDCIVICLE.ORG

Title: Clerk, Hudson County Board of Elections.

Date: 10/16/20

CENTER FOR TECH & CIVIC LIFE
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CHICAGO, IL 60601

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Absentee Ballot Assembly and Processing Equipment	\$15,000
Early Voting Sites and Ballot Drop-off Options	N/A
In-person Voting at Polling Places on Election Day	N/A
Secure Dropboxes and related needs	\$9,000
Total	\$24,000

Needs Assessment & Costs

The following sections outline initial details of the operation and costs associated with each of the aforementioned categories.

initial 250 planned locations. In the General, we are committed to securing between 105-115 in person polling locations on election day.

In order to staff these locations, the county will hire 25 to handle recruitment and retention of poll workers, which are key to a smooth, in-person operation. This includes paying \$5,000 - \$7,500 on election day.

The State of New Jersey has committed to providing PPE for Polling stations and Poll Workers on Election day. This does NOT include additional PPE that will be require for the safety of in-house temporary workers that will be processing received ballots prior to. On and after Election Day.

	<u>Total cost</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit costs</u>
Dropbox Pick-Monitoring	\$20,000 - \$24,000	8-12	
Poll Worker PPE	N/A	N/A	N/A
Personnel Costs	\$10,000 - \$13,000	25	\$500+
In-Office Temp/Seasonal PPE	\$3,500 - \$5,000		
Total	\$33,500 - \$42,000		

Conclusion

The investments outlined above will allow Hudson County to reduce the risk of exposure to coronavirus for voters, election staff and poll workers; identify best practices; innovate to efficiently and effectively educate our residents about how to exercise their right to vote; be intentional and strategic in reaching our historically disenfranchised residents and communities; and, above all, ensure the right to vote in a diversity of communities throughout the county. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this request.

During preparations for the November 3, 2020 General Election, the elections divisions of Hudson County have identified the following Covid-19 related election expenses:

Absentee Ballot Assembly and Processing Equipment:

New computers necessary for processing increased VBM numbers Dell Computers, Delivered	\$20,999.70

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Additional manual time clocks/stamps necessary for increased VBM processing Widmer, Delivered	\$5,235

Equipment:

Desks and Chairs needed for the proper social distancing of increased workforce W.B. Mason, Delivered	\$8,615.35

collecting Dropbox Ballots, brings this number to \$55, 012. Given that there are 12 more boxes for daily pick-up for November, we believe it is fair to conservatively estimate this cost to run in excess of \$65,000.

VBM Drop Box Contracted Pick-Up	\$65,000
Pensa Movers, To Be Billed	

Total Additional Expenses for Grant Distribution Consideration: \$111,957.69

Webb <webb@hcnj.us>; Marcy McClary <mmccclary@hcnj.us>;

2 attachments (330 KB)

Hudson County, New Jersey agreement and SVP.pdf; Reso No. 549-9-2020 Applying for grant funds from the Center of Tech & Civic Life.pdf;

Hi Mike: Thanks for letting us know of the good news regarding the award noted on the attached. Before you can spend the money, please route for Freeholder approval, the acceptance of the grant so the County has the authority to sign the grant agreement. Cheryl will route the budget amendment. We can do both as late starters for this Tuesday's meeting. Please follow up. Thanks

Abe

From: Donato Battista <dbattista@hcnj.us>

Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 12:24 PM

To: Cheryl Fuller <cfuller@hcnj.us>

Cc: Abe Antun <aantun@hcnj.us>; David Drumeler <dadrumeler@hcnj.us>; Oscar Aviles <oaviles@hcnj.us>; Craig Guy <cguy@hcnj.us>; Patrick McCarthy <pwmccarthy@hcnj.us>; Daniel Desalvo <ddesalvo@hcnj.us>

Subject: FW: Approved: CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant

I assume that if the County is going to proceed this ultimately must get routed and approved by the Board.

From: Craig Guy

Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 11:59 AM

To: Thomas Deleo <tdeleo@hcnj.us>; Donato Battista <dbattista@hcnj.us>

Subject: FW: Approved: CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant

From: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>

Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 11:25 AM

To: Craig Guy <cguy@hcnj.us>; Patrick McCarthy <pwmccarthy@hcnj.us>

Subject: Fw: Approved: CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant

Good news, Gentlemen!

From: grants@techandcivicle.org <grants@techandcivicle.org>

Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 5:47:35 PM

1. Disbursement Information: Please provide payment instructions using the CTCL Grant Disbursement Form here: <https://a1table.com/shrujueWIScmPec>. Note: a member of the CTCL COVID-19 Response Grants team will verify payment details before transmitting funds.

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Once you've (1) submitted payment instructions using the [CTCL Grant Disbursement Form](#) and (2) returned a signed grant agreement to grants@techandcivicle.org, CTCL will process a single payment for the full grant amount.

You can select one of three payment methods with the following disbursement times:

- Wire transfer: 3-4 business days
- ACH: 5-9 business days
- Check: 6-10 business days

Center for Tech and Civic Life has partnered with accounting firm [Marcum LLP](#) to disburse grant funds. Marcum is using [Bill.com](#) to efficiently and securely process payments. After you've completed the [Grant Disbursement Form](#) Marcum will send an email via Bill.com to complete the disbursement process.

Thank you for all you do on behalf of New Jersey voters!

All the best,

Tiana and the Center for Tech and Civic Life Team

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Tiana Epps-Johnson | Founder & Executive Director, Center for Tech and Civic Life | tiana@techandcivicle.org | she/her

October 1, 2020

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PPE Equipment	\$8,615.35
Total	\$688,656.99

Needs Assessment & Costs

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Absentee Ballot Assembly and Processing Equipment

For the November elections, we anticipate absentee-by-mail turnout to be somewhere around 230,000 – 275,000. Automation will be critical to efficiently and accurately manage ballot envelopes and ballots in weeks leading up to Election Day and in the canvassing process afterwards. To that end, the following is needed:

processing equipment. To process absentee by mail ballot, we have ordered a new high-speed envelope opener from Neopost, due for delivery October 1-7, 2020. We have also ordered additional time/date stamp equipment from Widmer, with similar expected dates of delivery. Tables and chairs have also been rented for the proper socially distanced work space of Temp/Seasonal help at a cost of \$6,292.

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The State of New Jersey has committed to providing PPE for Polling stations and Poll Workers on Election day. This does NOT include additional PPE that will be require for the safety of in-house temporary workers that will be processing received ballots prior to. On and after Election Day and Desks and Chairs needed for the proper social distancing at a cost of \$8,615.35.

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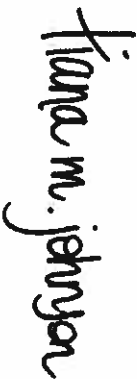
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WHEREAS, grant money is needed for seasonal staffing, drop boxes, high volume ballot opener/time stamper, secured receptacles for poll locations to secure collection and transportation of the Vote-By-Mail ballots and printers and supplies; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Elections is interested in applying for and accepting grant funds from the Center for Tech and Civic Life for the above described purpose; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial for the County to obtain these grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hudson, that:

1. The aforesaid recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Board hereby authorizes the County Executive, Thomas A. DeGise, or County Administrator, Abraham Antun, or Deputy County Administrator, David B. Drumeler, or their lawfully appointed designee, to execute any and all documents and take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this Resolution.
3. The Board hereby approves the application to the Center for Tech and Civic Life for election-related grant funds and the County will accept any grant funds awarded.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Freeholder	Aye	Nay	Abst.	N.P.	Freeholder	Aye	Nay	Abst.	N.P.
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It is hereby certified that at a regular meeting of the Board of Freeholders of the County of Hudson held on the 24th day of Sept. A.D. 2020, the foregoing resolution was adopted with 9 members voting in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

_____, Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM
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Your request (470) has been updated. To add additional comments, reply to this email.



Dylan Lynch (Center for Tech and Civic Life)

Oct 9, 2020, 16:25 GMT-5

Hi Andrea,

Thanks for your patience as I got an update. All applications, while at different stages of the process, are all moving forward.

Best,

Dylan



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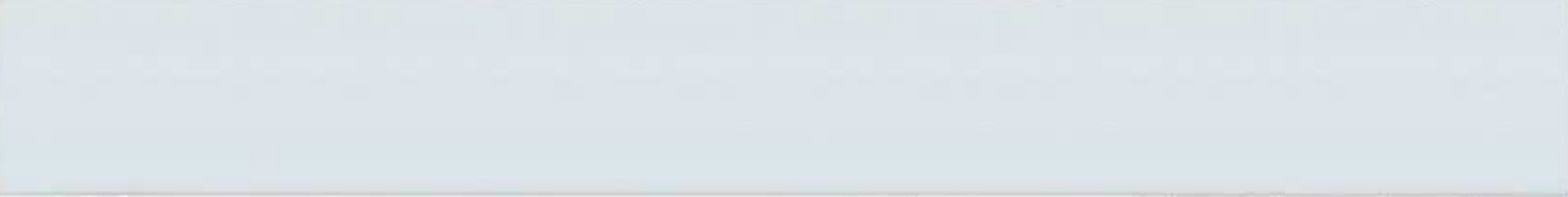
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This is a follow-up to your previous request #266 "Urgent - Checking Status of..."

Good morning!

I wanted to follow up on this request ---- are Hudson and Passaic counties in NJ still awaiting determinations?

And add to it, as I've had inquiries from colleagues in other NJ counties ---- are Burlington and Bergen counties still awaiting determination?



Hello from the CTCL team!

Thank you for applying for a CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant. We want to formally welcome you to the program.

We know you're busy running an election, so this is just a quick message to:

- Clarify how you can spend the grant funds
- Announce resources.techandcivillife.org
- Ask you to spread the word

How verified election offices can spend the grant funds

Verified election offices that receive a grant choose how they spend the money, as long as the expense helps the office plan and operationalize elections.

The application asked how you intend to spend the money, but it's completely okay if your plans change! CTCL's job is to get funding into your hands, then get out of your way. You know what's best for your communities and know exactly how to address budget shortfalls in this challenging election cycle. You can reallocate funds without notifying CTCL or asking permission, as long as it helps your office plan and operationalize elections.

The [FAQ](#) lists examples of covered expenses, but it's not an exhaustive list. We've fielded questions about voting booths, photocopiers, better ventilation for your polling place, more secure doors for your warehouses, trailers to transport Election Day supplies, power generators, nonpartisan newspaper ads, postage and envelopes—and the answer is yes, that's covered!

And remember—the grant can cover 2020 election expenses incurred between June 15, 2020 and December 31, 2020. We encourage you to spend the entirety of your funds. The [draft grant report template](#) will give you a sense of the way you will be asked to report how you spent the grant funds.

If you'd like to do media about your CTCL COVID-19 Response grant, you are welcome to use this [press release template](#) as a guide.

Questions about the grant? Please email help@techandcivillife.org. The CTCL team monitors it daily and will respond to you as soon as possible!

How we can help

We launched resources.techandcivillife.org to support grantees. It's a collection of free, curated, and practical election resources for safe elections. Resources are grouped into 6 categories:

- Public health
- Communication
- In-person voting
- Poll workers
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- Drop boxes

Still can't find what you're looking for? The website also includes a dedicated [Elections IT Support Desk](#) to field technical questions, large and small.

If you've worked with us before, welcome back! If you're new to CTCL, it's lovely to meet you. At CTCL, we provide [trainings](#) on topics like election cybersecurity, create [free election tech tools](#), and spotlight [success stories](#) from election offices across the country.

7/26/2021

Mail - mharper@hcnj.us

Fw: [Request received]

Michael Harper

Wed 10/7/2020 9:46 AM

Sent Items

To: aramalho@m-strat.com <aramalho@m-strat.com>;

Received this about ten minutes before you emailed! Kismet!!

Harper

From: Center for Tech and Civic Life <help@techandcivicle.org>

Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 9:24 AM

To: Andrea Ramalho

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Subject: [Request received]

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Tue 9/29/2020 7:51 PM

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Thank you! The Safe Voting Plan for Hudson County has been received by the Center for Tech and Civic Life.

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To: Center for Tech and Civic Life
From: Michael H. Harper, Clerk
Hudson County Board of Elections
Date: September 18, 2020

Hudson County, New Jersey Safe Voting Plan

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Absentee Ballot Assembly and Processing Equipment	\$573,341.64
In-person Voting at Polling Places on Election Day	\$18,000
Secure Dropboxes and related needs	\$89,000
PPE Equipment	\$8,615.35
Total	\$688,656.99

Needs Assessment & Costs

The following sections outline initial details of the operation and costs associated with each of

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Equipment	\$38,341.64		
Total	\$573,341.64		

ballots if it may be too late to send via USPS. In addition to equipment costs and cameras, 8-12 employees will be needed for the daily pick up of deposited ballots and monitor drop-off boxes. **These costs are estimated at \$24,000.**

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The State of New Jersey has committed to providing PPE for Polling stations and Poll Workers on Election day. This does NOT include additional PPE that will be require for the safety of in-house temporary workers that will be processing received ballots prior to. On and after Election Day and Desks and Chairs needed for the proper social distancing at a cost of \$8,615.35.

	<u>Total cost</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit costs</u>
Dropbox Pick-Up/Monitor	\$89,000	12	\$7,417.00
Poll Worker PPE	\$8,615.35	40	\$215.38
Personal Costs	\$13,000	25	\$520

Conclusion

The investments outlined above will allow Hudson County to reduce the risk of exposure to coronavirus for voters, election staff and poll workers; identify best practices; innovate to efficiently and effectively educate our residents about how to exercise their right to vote; be intentional and strategic in reaching our historically disenfranchised residents and communities; and, above all, ensure the right to vote in a diversity of communities throughout the county. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this request.

7/26/2021

Mail - mharper@hcnj.us

Re: CTCL

Jennifer Lee <jennifercamillelee@gmail.com>

Tue 9/29/2020 10:43 AM

To: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>;

Cc: Dave Horwich <dave.horwich@gmail.com>;

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Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 29, 2020, at 9:12 AM, Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us> wrote:

Jennifer,

Great speaking to you yesterday. Thank you for this opportunity to amend our initial submission.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance,

Michael Harper

(C)201-725-1526

From: Jennifer Lee <jennifercamillelee@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 1:20 PM

To: Michael Harper

Cc: Dave Horwich

Subject: Re: CTCL

option]. Automation will be critical to efficiently and accurately manage ballot envelopes and ballots in weeks leading up to Election Day and in the canvassing process afterwards. To that end, the following is needed:

- **Personnel:** We currently have [Insert # of staff] hired to tabulate absentee-by-mail ballots. Due to the number of ballots we anticipate receiving for the November general election, we will need to hire an additional [insert # of staff].
- **Outreach Materials:** To promote absentee by mail and early voting ahead of the November election by sending [discuss any relevant outreach programming].
- **Processing Equipment:** To process absentee by mail ballot, we request [describe equipment needed, who it will be purchased from, and when it will be delivered].
- **[Other needs identified and narrative explaining, if applicable and narrative].**

	Total cost	Units	Unit costs
Personnel	\$#	#	\$#
Outreach materials	\$#	#	
Equipment	\$#	#	\$#
Total	\$#		

Early Voting Sites and Ballot Drop-off Options

[Insert county] plans to have [insert #] full-time early voting locations, [insert #] outreach locations, and [insert #] mobile voting precincts for November.

These must be sufficiently staffed with [insert # of staff] staff with [insert # for hazard pay] to limit worker turnover, handle a surge in voters before polls open, and manage sites in a pandemic environment. **It will cost \$# to**

personnel] will be needed to pick up deposited ballots and monitor drop-off boxes. [Insert Estimated Cost for security, space, equipment, etc.]

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[Insert county] is committed to working to secure many fully-staffed polling places on election day. For the primary, we lost [insert #] of Election Day polling locations of [insert #] planned locations. In the General, we are committed to securing between [insert #] in person polling locations on election day.

In order to staff these locations, the county will hire [insert # of staff needed] to handle recruitment and retention of poll workers, which are key to a smooth, in-person operation. This includes paying a [\$#] on election day.

Additionally, the county will buy [discuss PPE needs] for polling locations at a total cost of [\$#].

	Total cost	Units	Unit costs
Worker Hazard Pay	\$#	#	\$#
Poll Worker PPE	\$#	#	\$#
Personnel Costs	\$#	#	\$#
[Other needs if applicable]	\$#	#	\$#
Total	\$#		

Conclusion

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Early Voting Sites and Ballot Drop-off Options	N/A
In-person Voting at Polling Places on Election Day	N/A
Secure Dropboxes and related needs	\$9,000
Total	\$24,000

For the November elections, we anticipate absentee-by-mail turnout to be somewhere around 230,000 – 275,000. Automation will be critical to efficiently and accurately manage ballot envelopes and ballots in weeks leading up to Election Day and in the canvassing process afterwards. To that end, the following is needed:

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Equipment	\$21,292		
Total	\$556,292		

Early Voting Sites and Ballot Drop-off Options

New Jersey law does not allow for in-person early voting at this time.

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In order to staff these locations, the county will hire 25 to handle recruitment and retention of poll workers, which are key to a smooth, in-person operation. This includes paying \$5,000 - \$7,500 on election day.

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	<u>Total cost</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit costs</u>
IDropbox Pick-Monitoring	\$20,000 - \$24,000	8-12	
Poll Worker PPE	N/A	N/A	N/A
Personnel Costs	\$10,000 - \$13,000	25	\$500+
In-Office Temp/Seasonal PPE	\$3,500 - \$5,000		
Total	\$33,500 - \$42,000		

communities throughout the county. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this request.

To: Center for Tech and Civic Life
From: Michael H. Harper, Clerk
Hudson County Board of Elections
Date: September 29, 2020
Re: Addendum to Hudson County, NJ Safe Voting Plan & Requested Grant Funds

During preparations for the November 3, 2020 General Election, the elections divisions of Hudson County have identified the following Covid-19 related election expenses:

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\$20,999.70
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Additional manual time clocks/stamps necessary for
\$5,235
increased VBM processing
Widmer, Delivered

Equipment:

Desks and Chairs needed for the proper social distancing

Secure Dropboxes and Related Needs:

In previous submission, the County included the cost of 4 additional dropboxes and monitoring expenses. In addition to this expense, the County is using our contracted Polling Machine mover to make daily pick-ups. The additional cost to the County of this Executive Ordered, Covid-19 related expense for the Primary Election was \$16,355 for 11 days of pick-ups. Extrapolating that number alone to the 37 days of pick-up we will be collecting Dropbox Ballots, brings this number to \$55, 012. Given that there are 12 more boxes for daily pick-up for November, we believe it is fair to conservatively estimate this cost to run in excess of \$65,000.

VBM Drop Box Contracted Pick-Up
Pensa Movers, To Be Billed

\$65,000

**Total Additional Expenses for Grant Distribution Consideration:
\$111,957.69**

7/26/2021

Mail - mharper@hcnj.us

FW: Thank you! We've received your CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant Application.

Bugdon_Maureen <Bugdon_Maureen@aclink.org>

Fri 9/25/2020 2:09 PM

To: Linda Von Nessi <lvonnessi@clerk.essexcountynj.org>; KENNETH HIRMAN <khirmann@me.com>; Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>;
Cc: Shona Mack-Pollock <shonam@passaiccountynj.org>;

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Here's what I got after applying. I did apply twice because I didn't receive this the first time.

From: JotForm <grants@techandcivicle.org>

Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 10:39 AM

To: Bugdon_Maureen <Bugdon_Maureen@aclink.org>

Subject: Thank you! We've received your CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant Application.



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**CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant
Application**

Who is completing this
grant application?

MAUREEN BUGDON

What is your title?

Atlantic County Superintendent of
Elections

7/26/2021

Mail - mharper@hcnj.us

Emailing: Hudson County W-9, 2020 Board of Election Budget, Grant Application, Center for Tech and Civic Life Program, Grant Development Questionnaire, Resolution Fact Sheet, Memo to schedule Sept 22 Meeting, (2) Sided Routing form Re CTCL Covid -19 Gra

Debra Cuseglio

Mon 9/14/2020 5:37 PM

To: Abe Antun <aantun@hcnj.us>; Cheryl Fuller <cfuller@hcnj.us>; Charlene Burke <cburke@hcnj.us>; Virga Webb <vwebb@hcnj.us>; Vanessa Weber <vweber@hcnj.us>; David Drumeler <ddrumeler@hcnj.us>; John Inagaki <JInagaki@hcnj.us>; Kathy Rigail <krigail@hcnj.us>; 'Aramalho@m-strat.com' <Aramalho@m-strat.com>;

Cc: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>;

8 attachments (824 KB)

Hudson County W-9.pdf; 2020 Board of Election Budget.pdf; Grant Application.pdf; Center for Tech and Civic Life Program.pdf; Grant Development Questionnaire.pdf; Resolution Fact Sheet.pdf; Memo to schedule Sept 22 Meeting.pdf; (2) Sided Routing form Re CTCL Covid -19 Grant.pdf;

Greetings All,

Please find attached paperwork to schedule the Board of Election office on the Freeholders agenda for the September 22nd meeting.

Thank you,
Debra Cuseglio

Your message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:

Hudson County W-9
2020 Board of Election Budget
Grant Application
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Resolution Fact Sheet
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press@techandcivicle.org



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Media contact: David J. Becker

media@electioninnovation.org

PRISCILLA CHAN AND MARK ZUCKERBERG COMMIT \$300 MILLION DONATION TO PROMOTE SAFE AND RELIABLE VOTING DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

September 1, 2020

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operations that will allow for ballots to be cast and counted in a timely way. These donations will help to provide local and state officials across the country with the resources, training and infrastructure necessary to ensure that every voter who intends to cast a ballot is able to, and ultimately, to preserve the integrity of our elections."

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BACKGROUND ON THE CTCL DONATION FOR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS

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7/26/2021

Mail - mharper@hcnj.us

CTCL CV-19 Elections grant program description for Board of Elections application

Charlene Burke

Mon 9/14/2020 1:14 PM

To: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>;

Cc: Kathy Rigail <krigail@hcnj.us>; Charlene Burke <cburke@hcnj.us>;

 1 attachments (267 KB)

CTCL-CV-19 Election Grant 9-2020.pdf;

Hi Mike,

I know your department is preparing the ARF for the Freeholders and thought this might be helpful as an overview of all its information. - Charlene

Charlene Burke
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Mail - mharpert@hcnj.us

FW: [EXTERNAL] CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant Program: All local U.S. election offices invited to apply

Giles, Robert <Robert.Giles@sos.nj.gov>

Fri 9/11/2020 8:02 PM

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Hi All,

Here is some more information about the grant program I sent the other day including the deadline to apply date of October 1, 2020. Please see below.

Robert Giles
Director
Division of Elections
NJ Department of State
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From: Whitney May <whitney@techandcivillife.org>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 6:54 PM
To: Giles, Robert <Robert.Giles@sos.nj.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant Program: All local U.S. election offices invited to apply

All local U.S. election offices are invited to apply for a grant on the CTCL website:
<https://www.techandcivicle.com/grants/>

The deadline to apply is October 1, 2020.

The grant application is quick and easy, but you'll need to gather some information before you apply.

- Number of active registered voters in the election office jurisdiction as of September 1, 2020
- Number of full-time staff (or equivalent) on the election team as of September 1, 2020
- Election office 2020 budget as of September 1, 2020
- Election office W-9
- Local government body who needs to approve the grant funding (if any)
- What government official or government agency the grant agreement should be addressed to

Election offices can use the funds to cover certain 2020 expenses incurred between June 15, 2020 and December 31, 2020. These include the costs associated with the safe administration of the following election responsibilities.

Ensure Safe, Efficient Election Day Administration

- Maintain open in-person polling places on Election Day
- Procure Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and personal disinfectant to protect election officials and voters from COVID-19
- Support and expand drive-thru voting, including purchase of additional signage, tents, traffic control, walkie-talkies, and safety measures

Expand Voter Education & Outreach Efforts

- Publish reminders for voters to verify and update their address, or other voter registration information, prior to the election
- Educate voters on safe voting policies and procedures

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- Deliver updated training for current and new poll workers administering elections in the midst of pandemic

Support Early In-Person Voting and Vote by Mail

- Expand or maintain the number of in-person early voting sites
- Deploy additional staff and/or technology improvements to expedite and improve mail ballot processing

Be sure to check out the [grant FAQs](#) for important information. If you have additional questions about the COVID-19 Response Grant program, please reach out to me directly or email help@techandcivicle.org.

Thank you,
Whitney

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Whitney May
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whitney@techandcivicle.org
(919) 799-6173
she/her

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Fw: Thank you! We've received your CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant Application.

Michael Harper

Wed 9/9/2020 3:19 PM

Sent Items

To: Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>;

Deb - please forward this to Cheryl, and request any assistance you need in completing this routing form.

From: JotForm <grants@techandcivicle.org>

Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 3:08:21 PM

To: Michael Harper

Subject: Thank you! We've received your CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant Application.

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TECH AND
CIVIC LIFE

CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant Application

Who is completing this grant application?

Michael Harper

What is your title?

Clerk, Hudson County Board of Elections

What proportion of duties is handled by your office?

All or Nearly All

What type of jurisdiction are you submitting an application on behalf of?

County

County or Parish Name

Hudson County

I certify that I am permitted to submit this grant request on behalf of the jurisdiction listed above.

Yes

<https://www.hudsoncountyclerk.org/elections/>

Share a link to an official government page that contains your bio or lists you in a staff directory

How many active registered voters does your jurisdiction have?

395993

Number

5

What is your jurisdiction's total budget allocated to elections this fiscal year as of September 1, 2020?

1395525

[Hudson County - 2020 Board of Elections Budget.pdf](#)

[Hudson County - 2020 W-9 Form.pdf](#)

For which public purposes will your jurisdiction use grant funds?

Ballot drop boxes
Non-partisan voter education
Poll worker recruitment funds, hazard pay, and/or training expenses
Temporary staffing
Vote-by-mail/Absentee voting equipment or supplies

Will acceptance of this grant require a vote of approval by your local legislature, council, or board?

Yes

Who will the approval body be and are there any dates or other timeline considerations we should be aware of?

The County Board of Commissioners hosts bi-weekly meetings. These are the meetings in which any grant award would be accepted. The next coming meeting will be September 22, 2020.

Title of Signatory or Name of Signatory Body

Clerk, Hudson County Board of Elections

Name of Signatory (if an individual)

Michael Harper

How did you hear about this grant opportunity?

Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL)

BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS COUNTY OF HUDSON

RESOLUTION

No. _____ On Motion of Freeholder _____
Seconded by Freeholder _____

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Freeholder	Aye	Nay	Abst	N.P.	Freeholder	Aye	Nay	Abst	N.P.
Walker	✓				Cedeño	✓			
Cifelli	✓				Rodriguez	✓			
Kopacz	✓				Romano	✓			
Torres	✓				Chairperson Vainier	✓			
O'Dea	✓								

It is hereby certified that at a regular meeting of the Board of Freeholders of the County of Hudson held on the 14th day of Sept. A.D. 2020, the foregoing resolution was adopted with 9 members voting in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM

BY: DONATO J. BATTISTA
HUDSON COUNTY COUNSEL

Southern Hudson County Board of Elections
RM:dmp

Clerk

**BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
COUNTY OF HUDSON**

RESOLUTION

No. 549-9-2020

On Motion of Freeholder Walker

Seconded by Freeholder D'Dea

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO
APPLY FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE GRANT
ISSUED BY THE CENTER FOR TECH AND CIVIC LIFE
ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Hudson County Board of Elections is one of the County Departments responsible for election related services; and

WHEREAS, due to the Governor's Executive Order, all registered voters in Hudson County will receive a Vote-By-Mail ballot for the November 3, 2020 general election in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, grant money is needed for seasonal staffing, drop boxes, high volume ballot opener/time stamper, secured receptacles for poll locations to secure collection and transportation of the Vote-By-Mail ballots and printers and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Tech and Civic Life has committed \$300 million dollars to promote safe and reliable voting in states and localities during the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections is interested in applying for and accepting grant funds from the Center for Tech and Civic Life for the above described purpose; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial for the County to obtain these grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hudson, that:

1. The aforesaid recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Board hereby authorizes the County Executive, Thomas A. DeGise, or County Administrator, Abraham Antun, or Deputy County Administrator, David B. Drumeler, or their lawfully appointed designees, to execute any and all documents and take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this Resolution.
3. The Board hereby approves the application to the Center for Tech and Civic Life for election-related grant funds and the County will accept any grant funds awarded.

Re: Board of Elections OPRA request Re: CTCL funding

Debra Cuseglio

Sun 7/25/2021 10:11 AM

Sent Items

To: Chandroutee Singh <csingh@hcnj.us>;

Cc: Alberto Santos <asantos@hcnj.us>;

Hello Chan,

The resolution and minutes are perfect.

Thank you for your help
Debra

From: Chandroutee Singh
Sent: Friday, July 23, 2021 9:49:19 AM
To: Debra Cuseglio
Cc: Alberto Santos
Subject: FW: Board of Elections OPRA request Re: CTCL funding

Hi Debra,

Please see the attached. Not sure if this is the correct resolution and minutes you need.

Chan

HUDSON COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

RE:

CAUCUS MEETING : TRANSCRIPT OF
OF THE :
HUDSON COUNTY BOARD OF : PROCEEDINGS
CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS :
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O P E N S E S S I O N

Hudson County
Administration Building,
Freeholders Chambers
567 Pavonia Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey
Tuesday, September 22, 2020
4:00 p.m.

B E F O R E:

ANTHONY VAINIERI, Chairman
FANNY CEDAÑO, Freeholder
ALBERT CIFELLI, Freeholder
KENNETH KOPACZ, Freeholder
WILLIAM O'DEA, Freeholder
CARIDAD RODRIGUEZ, Freeholder
ANTHONY ROMANO, Freeholder
JOEL TORRES, Freeholder
JERRY WALKER, Freeholder

Page 2 1 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cedeño. 2 FREEHOLDER CEDENO: Here. 3 THE CLERK: Cifelli. 4 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Here, and wide 5 awake. 6 THE CLERK: Freeholder Kopacz. 7 FREEHOLDER KOPACZ: Here. 8 THE CLERK: O'Dea. 9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Here. 10 THE CLERK: Rodriguez. 11 FREEHOLDER RODRIGUEZ: Here. 12 THE CLERK: Romano. 13 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Here. 14 THE CLERK: Torres, Torres. 15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Joel, you're 16 muted. He's here. Easy muted. Joel. 17 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: You can't hear 18 him. 19 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: He put his finger 20 up. He put up one finger but not the middle one. 21 THE CLERK: Freeholder Torres is 22 present. Freeholder Walker. 23 FREEHOLDER WALKER: Here. 24 THE CLERK: Chairman Vainieri. 25 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Here. How are	Page 4 1 on behalf of the Board of Elections. 2 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Sponsor. 3 FREEHOLDER TORRES: I just want to do 4 a test. Can you hear me? 5 THE CLERK: Yes. 6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: That was Walker 7 and O'Dea. That was Walker and O'Dea. We have 8 someone here from Board of Elections. Can Mike give 9 us a little quick overview of what exactly this is? 10 Sorry, Mr. Chairman, but I can see him in the 11 chambers so. 12 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Go ahead. 13 MR. HARPER: Hi, Freeholders. 14 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Hey, Mike. I can 15 see your hat. 16 MR. HARPER: All right. This is a 17 grant that was out there. We learned about it on 18 the late side, but we rushed in and got it in on 19 time. And it didn't have a number attached, but we 20 said to put in basically as much as you can spare to 21 us. The idea here being with our personnel, 22 equipment, we have overruns on every -- in every 23 facet of our operation due to the COVID, and 24 everything we can get from them to do the elections 25 will free up other money from the CARES: more
Page 3 1 you feeling, Freeholder Walker? 2 FREEHOLDER WALKER: I'm feeling 3 better. Just a little sore, but everything is 4 working, so thank God for that. 5 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Good luck to you, 6 sir. 7 FREEHOLDER WALKER: Thank you. 8 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Go ahead, Clerk. 9 THE CLERK: No. 1 is a resolution to 10 amend Resolution No. 514-9-2020 Change Title or Text 11 of an Appropriation. 12 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: O'Dea and 13 Vainieri. 14 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: O'Dea and Vainieri 15 or Vainieri and O'Dea. 16 THE CLERK: O'Dea and Vainieri. No. 17 2 is a 2020 Budget Amendment. New Jersey Department	Page 5 1 open-ended is CARES money to go to other places that 2 are needed in the County. 3 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you very 4 much. Any questions? 5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: No, Mr. Chair. 6 MR. HARPER: Thank you. 7 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you 8 Michael. 9 THE CLERK: No. 4 is a resolution 10 authorizing the application for and acceptance of 11 funds, if awarded, for prevention, education, 12 intervention, addiction treatment and recovery 13 support services under the 2021 Alcoholism and Drug 14 Abuse Services Grant, January 1, 2021 through 15 December 31, 2021, \$1,180,626. 16 FREEHOLDER RODRIGUEZ: Sponsor. 17 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Second.

Page 6 1 FREEHOLDER RODRIGUEZ: Sponsor. 2 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: O'Dea, second. 3 Rodriguez. 4 THE CLERK: No. 6 is a resolution 5 authorizing application for and acceptance of funds, 6 if awarded, from New Jersey Transit Corporation for 7 Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents 8 Transportation Assistance Program, SCDRTAP, January 9 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, \$1,068,140. 10 FREEHOLDER KOPACZ: Sponsor. 11 THE CLERK: Who is the second? 12 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Either me or 13 Caridad. It doesn't matter. I have a question. 14 Mr. Chair, I have a question. 15 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Go ahead, 16 Freeholder O'Dea. 17 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: What is this 18 amount compared to what we've gotten any other 19 years? 20 MR. ANTUN: Freeholder, the -- 21 Freeholder, the memo that was provided by Director 22 Toon indicates that this reflects an increase of 23 \$194,559 from the prior year. 24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: And what can the 25 funds be used for?	Page 7 1 MR. ANTUN: It's for the operation of 2 the program, you know -- 3 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: It's TRANSCEND? 4 MR. ANTUN: For the TRANSCEND, 5 exactly. 6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So in previous 7 years we've had cuts in funding? 8 MR. ANTUN: That's correct. 9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: This is the first 10 year that we're going to get an increase? 11 MR. ANTUN: That's correct. 12 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Okay. Can 13 sometime I guess, not now, but can she just advise 14 us what additionally they do from the service 15 perspective with the additional funding? 16 MR. ANTUN: Freeholder, I believe -- 17 A. if you can unmute Director Toon, she can respond
Page 8 1 cover salaries. So the plan really was to utilize 2 these funds to cover a greater portion of the 3 operating costs. 4 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So basically, 5 we're not enhancing services. We're going to just 6 offset costs we absorbed in our operating budget? 7 DIRECTOR TOON: That's correct, 8 Freeholder. 9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Okay. I'm sorry. 10 Throughout the cuts that we've incurred, have we 11 always maintained the same level of services? 12 DIRECTOR TOON: We have. We have 13 not -- well, Freeholder, I would say this. There 14 have been -- we've made some modifications a few 15 years ago where we weren't taking new dialysis 16 clients, but other than that, we have continued to 17 provide the same services based on the demand. 18 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Okay. Thank you 19 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Anyone else? 20 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Mr. Chairman. 21 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Freeholder 22 Torres. 23 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Just real quick, 24 going back to No. 2, do we have any information on 25 what changes or modifications will be made due to	Page 9 1 transitioning from COVID for SHIP? 2 MR. ANTUN: Darice, can you respond 3 to that please? 4 DIRECTOR TOON: I apologize. I put 5 it back on mute. I didn't realize. Yes, actually 6 Freeholder, we have been doing actually everything 7 virtually right now for SHIP. We have -- I do a lot 8 of mailings. We're continuing to do that. We're 9 not going out into the community right now, but 10 we're actually communicating with the community. 11 we've been staying in contact with the SHIP's 12 counselor as well. 13 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Are you seeing a 14 larger response right now, or is it about the same? 15 DIRECTOR TOON: I don't know that I 16 can say we've seen a larger response. I can verify 17 with the pointman on my staff who actually oversees

Page 10 1 Family Court Services Grant Programs - January 1, 2 2021 through December 31, 2021, \$1,150,157. 3 Torres-Rodriguez. 4 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Mr. Chair. 5 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Freeholder 6 Torres. 7 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Just a question 8 on this. Why was all of the funding removed from 9 the primary prevention? I don't see why. I see 10 that dollars were moved, but is there any reason why 11 there were no dollars left that were allocated for 12 the primary prevention? 13 DIRECTOR TOON: Freeholder, we 14 actually went through a very expensive or I should 15 say comprehensive planning process with our planning 16 committee for the Youth Services Commission, and 17 we've also taken into consideration areas that the 18 Juvenile Justice Commission, they asked us to pay 19 greater attention to. So what we've done in that 20 particular case is that we've moved money out of 21 there, but we rechanneled that money into a 22 diversion program, our State house diversion 23 program, so the State has asked us to kind of, you 24 know, cut back on some of that. 25 FREEHOLDER TORRES: It's not that	Page 12 1 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Through the 2 chair. 3 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Freeholder 4 Torres, go ahead. 5 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Just a question 6 for Abe or Danice. How are we going to -- how is 7 this is going to be adjusted for the current -- the 8 pandemic? I know that there's been a section to 9 allow for travel training, but are there any other 10 modifications due to the pandemic? 11 DIRECTOR TOON: Well, Freeholder, 12 fortunately, we've been able to -- the hospital was 13 able to continue to accommodate Project Search, 14 which is a really good thing, and fortunately, one 15 of the hotels is able to continue to accommodate 16 Project Search, which is a really good thing. The 17 primary thing here as you mentioned really is that 18 we, due to the pandemic, we were not able to 19 complete the travel training, and so the Kessler 20 Foundation have agreed to allow us additional time 21 so we can get that done and to do other things with 22 the Project Search program that we'd like to do. 23 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you, sir. 24 Mr. Clerk. 25 THE CLERK: 11 is a resolution
Page 11 1 primary prevention is being done away with. You're 2 reallocating so there are types of primary -- more 3 targeted approached. 4 DIRECTOR TOON: Right, right, right. 5 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Thank you. 6 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you, sir. 7 Go ahead, Clerk. 8 THE CLERK: No. 8 is a resolution 9 accepting FFY20 State Homeland Security Grant 10 Program Funds from the U.S. Department of Homeland 11 Security through the New Jersey Office of Homeland 12 Security and Preparedness, September 1, 2020 to 13 August 31, 2023, \$506,231.66. 14 Romano-Walker. 15 No. 9 is a 2020 Budget Amendment - N.J. 16 Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness FFY20 17 State Homeland Security Grant Program. SHSP.	Page 13 1 amending Resolution No. 530-9-2019 to extend a 2 Professional Services Agreement Wellpath, LLC for 3 the Medical Health Care Management, Mental Health 4 Care Management and Fiscal Management at the Hudson 5 County Correctional and Rehabilitation Center. 6 October 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020, \$1,425,778.20. 7 FREEHOLDER CIFELELLI: Mr. Chairman, I 8 would like to sponsor that and I want -- 9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I'll second. I'll 10 second as a member of the committee. 11 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Go ahead, 12 Freeholder Cifelli. 13 FREEHOLDER CIFELELLI: The Contracts 14 Committee met last Monday afternoon with the 15 Administrator and the director, and the question 16 that the committee raised was that this constitutes 17 the exercise of the contract for health services at

1 confirm that. I'm looking at my notes. 2 MR. ANTUN: It actually would have 3 been a little more than that, about 9.1 million, 4 AI -- Freeholder. 5 FREEHOLDER CUFELLI: So the committee 6 had some significant questions with respect to the 7 rationale for the increase, particularly language 8 like that when the contracts -- this contract was 9 being negotiated, the census at the facility was in 10 excess of 1,500. Right now our understanding is the 11 facility is about half that census so that would beg 12 the question with a 50-percent drop in the census 13 why are we expending 15 or 20 percent more over last 14 year's contract price when we had many more bodies 15 to handle in the facility? 16 So I think what happened was the consensus 17 of the committee, and that's what the resolution 18 reflects, is that we would extend the contract for 19 60 days. During that 60 days period the 20 Administration is going to get another set of eyes 21 on the contract. One of the consultants, the 22 medical doctor that we have used in the past is 23 being asked to take a look at the components of the 24 contract, and see if that kind of a bump up is 25 justified. So this is really a stop gap resolution.	Page 14 1 THE CLERK: 14 is a resolution 2 approving Year Two of a Fair and Open contract with 3 Monarch Housing Associates for the preparation of 4 the Continuum of Care Application to the U.S. 5 Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD, 6 and related planning and reporting activities on 7 behalf of the Division of Housing and Community 8 Development, July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, \$20,000. 9 Walker-Rodriguez. 10 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Chairman. 11 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Freeholder O'Dea, 12 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Can you just tell 13 us -- Mr. Administrator? 14 MR. ANTUN: I'm sorry, Freeholder. I 15 didn't hear you. 16 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Why it's late. 17 Why are we getting it now when the period ends three 18 months ago? 19 MR. ANTUN: Randi. 20 MS. MOORE: This is Randi Moore. We 21 just overlooked it. We should have put it on 22 earlier, but with everything else going on, we 23 didn't get it to you. 24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: What did you say? 25 MS. MOORE: We just overlooked it.
1 We're extending the present contract for 60 days, 2 and if the resolution is approved, that will give us 3 time to dive deeper in the rationale for the 4 expenditures. That's it. 5 THE CLERK: No. 12 is a resolution 6 awarding a Professional Services Contract, Non-Fair 7 and Open with Integrity House, Inc., to provide a 8 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program for 64 9 inmates, 40 men and 24 women at the Hudson County 10 Correctional and Rehabilitation Center and such 11 Services are to be performed via telehealth due to 12 the COVID-19 Pandemic Public Health Crisis - October 13 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021, \$387,430. 14 FREEHOLDER CUFELLI: Sponsor. 15 THE CLERK: Who is the second? 16 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: I'll second it. 17 THE CLERK: CUFELLI, Vainieri?	Page 15 1 We should have gotten it on earlier, but with 2 everything else going on -- 3 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: If you look at the 4 back up, the last one was approved in June of '19. 5 MS. MOORE: Right. 6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Ahead of time. 7 MS. MOORE: Yes, right. 8 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So I assume they 9 have continued to do work, and they have bills from 10 July and August? 11 MS. MOORE: Yes. The bills awarded 12 from the contract surround the continuum of care 13 allocation, which hasn't been released yet. So the 14 summer is generally when we find out. 15 THE CLERK: Proceed, Mr. Chair? 16 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Yes, please. 17 THE CLERK: 15 is a resolution to

Page 18 1 MR. ANTUN: Freeholder, this is a 2 County contract that was bid and he was awarded. 3 FREEHOLDER KOPACZ: The price is 4 right. 5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: That's what I was 6 going to say. Let's make deal. Who picked that up? 7 Who said "the price is right?" 8 FREEHOLDER KOPACZ: Kopacz. 9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Kenny, you win the 10 prize. You win the prize. Very good. 11 FREEHOLDER KOPACZ: What's the prize? 12 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Behind Door No. 2. 13 THE CLERK: On No. 16, there is a 14 replacement that was e-mailed, and it's on the dais. 15 No. 16 is a resolution to Approve Purchasing Agent's 16 award, purchases made under State Contracts, Law 17 Enforcement Supplies. 18 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Romano-Rodriguez. 19 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: It's 20 Rodriguez-Romano, either way. 21 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: You're the chair 22 of Public Safety, you should go first. 23 THE CLERK: Romano-Rodriguez. 24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Can we go over 25 what the change is? Because what was put on the	Page 20 1 gas grenades? One or both? 2 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: One is for the 3 Prosecutor, and one is for the Sheriff. 4 MR. ANTUN: Yeah, it's the same thing 5 except one is for the Prosecutor, and one is for the 6 Sheriff. The one for the Prosecutor, which is the 7 larger amount is for their SWAT team, and the one 8 for the Sheriff is just for that unit and the 9 Sheriff was also -- 10 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Both the SWAT 11 teams? 12 MR. ANTUN: Right. If Gene or 13 Undersheriff Conti are on the line, unmutate them. 14 FREEHOLDER CIFELELLI: I would just 15 like to clarify for my edification, the interplay 16 between the Prosecutor's SWAT team, and I think the 17 Sheriff has a similar unit within the Sheriff's 18 department. If somebody could just tell me once and 19 for all to clarify it and clear my thinking about 20 the chain of command, like what are the two forces? 21 One is obviously the SWAT team the way I 22 understand -- 23 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Can I intercode 24 with that? Let me just give a background of how it 25 came about.
Page 19 1 dais doesn't have numbers on them. 2 MR. ANTUN: Freeholder, what 3 happened, the package that you received on Friday 4 included the helmets, and that had already been 5 approved at a prior meeting. So that was just 6 deleted from the new agenda. 7 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So now it's just 8 defensive equipment. 9 MR. ANTUN: That's correct. 10 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Which is the one 11 that got defeated, right? 12 MR. ANTUN: It's just Items A-1 and 13 A-2. 14 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: A-1 and A-2, which 15 are the two items that got defeated? 16 MR. ANTUN: That's correct. 17 FREEHOLDER CIFELELLI: Can you specify	Page 21 1 FREEHOLDER CIFELELLI: Sure. 2 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: First of all, 3 Sheriff always had a SWAT team, okay? They came to 4 us at the Public Safety Committee that the Chiefs of 5 Police Association wanted to establish a regional 6 SWAT team. What the regional SWAT team is kind of 7 the best of the best of every department. Like say 8 North Bergen has six guys or seven guys, Harrison 9 has five guys or six guys. They have to go through 10 extensive training, far much more training than the 11 Sheriff's SWAT team, and they call it some type of 12 A-1 or something like that. Gene will chime in 13 after me. 14 But that's where it started. The Chiefs 15 Association wanted to establish a regional SWAT 16 team. Now, I was under the impression that the 17 Sheriff's SWAT team may dissolve into something

Page 22 1 Romano, you were involved with the talks. 2 Freeholder O'Dea, you were in Public Safety at that 3 time. We had I think back then Chief Dowd from 4 North Bergen who was the president of the 5 association coming in and giving us some background 6 and try to work with the Prosecutor on this. 7 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: That's correct, 8 Mr. Chairman. 9 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: The Prosecutor 10 has jurisdiction over the regional SWAT team. 11 MR. MCCARTHY: Pat McCarthy, 12 Chairman, if I can for a minute. 13 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Yes, go ahead 14 Mr. McCarthy. 15 MR. MCCARTHY: I'm not into changing 16 people's names or titles, but maybe if the Sheriff's 17 department, I know they have the SWAT team, but if 18 that is something more like a rapid response team, 19 because they're more with the courts from what I was 20 originally informed, and that's their primary area 21 of concern, and they work their way out as compared 22 to the SWAT, which is as you say the best of the 23 best throughout the County. It just might simplify 24 it a little bit easier, make the public understand 25 it instead of the redundancy of having two SWAT	Page 24 1 MR. RUBINO: We serve the entire 2 County. It's made up of all the municipalities. 3 Everybody has a participant on the team, and they 4 explained it, we're the regional unit. It serves 5 the entire County in terms of that aspect. I'm not 6 going to address in terms of the Sheriff's office. 7 It's not fair for me to address that. I would 8 rather defer to the Sheriff -- 9 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: That's fine. 10 MR. RUBINO: On that, but the 11 regional team, it's composed of members of all the 12 departments with the exception of East Newark. 13 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you, 14 Mr. Rubino. Andrew Conti, Undersheriff, do you want 15 to chime in or are you okay? 16 THE CLERK: He's unmuted. He has to 17 unmute himself. 18 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Go ahead, 19 Undersheriff. 20 UNDERSHERIFF CONTI: Okay. What was 21 explained, the description of the teams is just a 22 wording, but the team depending on the amount of 23 members and the training, I believe we're also a 24 Tier 1, and we've been in existence for 17 years. 25 So we service the County buildings, especially the
Page 23 1 teams. 2 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Correct. 3 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: May add 4 something, Mr. Chairman? 5 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Go ahead, sir. 6 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: I think that it's 7 mandated by the court guidelines that there's some 8 kind of emergency reaction team or SWAT team that 9 the Sheriff's office has to have. And we did sit at 10 those meetings at the formation of the regional 11 which was brought about by the Chief's Association 12 and the Prosecutor. And I think to make it even 13 more clear, I think Andrew or Gene could add on if 14 they have other comments. 15 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: I think Gene is 16 unmuted. Gene, do you want to chime in? 17 MR. RUBINO: Can you hear me?	Page 25 1 courthouse. That's just the terminologies for the 2 select team. A special response, however you want 3 to describe it, they both serve a great purpose. 4 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Chairman, I 5 have two questions. 6 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Go ahead, 7 Freeholder. 8 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: One for 9 Undersheriff Conti. So you wouldn't take issue with 10 in essence being categorized as a minor league team 11 as compared to a major league team, correct? You're 12 both Tier 1. You're both Tier 1 so. 13 UNDERSHERIFF CONTI: It's to my 14 knowledge that we've been a Tier 1. Again, we do 15 the same training as the regional. And this 16 purchase was for equipment that's expired and is 17 regulated by the Attorney General's office for

Page 26 1 per each municipality except for East Newark? 2 MR. RUBINO: No, Freeholder. There 3 is at least one representative I think with the 4 exception East Newark. I think our numbers are 5 close to in excess of 40, 40 individuals. 6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So 40 to 50 7 members. How about the Sheriff's? How many members? 8 UNDERSHERIFF CONTI: I believe we're 9 around 30. 10 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Oh, that's a big 11 number. So between the two you have 75 to 80 12 people? 13 MR. RUBINO: Freeholder, there is 14 some overlap. Some members of the Sheriff also 15 belong to the regional SWAT team. And the head of 16 the regional SWAT team is a Sheriff's officer, 17 Carlos Clavijo, who is on loan from the Sheriff's 18 office and has been dispatched to our office as a 19 member of the regional SWAT team. 20 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Is he on the other 21 SWAT team too or no? 22 UNDERSHERIFF CONTI: Yes. 23 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So he's on both 24 SWAT teams. 25 MR. RUBINO: Yes, Freeholder.	Page 27 1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: The people on 2 these SWAT teams, how often are they taken off their 3 regular duties? 4 MR. RUBINO: We have the regional 5 SWAT team has multiple teams or squads. They're put 6 on rotational call three or four times, so it's not 7 everybody all at once obviously. That's not 8 logistically possible. So they're put on -- they're 9 put on call on their squad. 10 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: And how many are 11 on call at a given time? 12 MR. RUBINO: I don't know. 13 Freeholder, and I don't know if that's something 14 that we would want to -- I don't know if it's 15 something we would want to make public for the 16 safety concerns of the law enforcement. 17 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: We didn't hear
Page 28 1 that. 2 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: That's another 30 3 or 40. That's up to a hundred. 4 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: And some of them 5 are on the regional probably. 6 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: No, they're not. 7 No, they're not. Patty, am I correct? Patty? 8 MR. MCCARTHY: I don't believe 9 they're on the regional SWAT team. 10 MR. RUBINO: What was the question? 11 I can't hear the question. 12 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Are there Jersey 13 City SWAT officers on the regional SWAT? 14 MR. RUBINO: Yes, they are. 15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: How many? I don't 16 know the exact number. Edgar Martinez said yes. 17 Can we find out how many? 18 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: I'm just curious 19 as to what's the coordination among them. What is 20 the coordination among the SWATs? 21 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: We have a fourth, 22 the Port Authority also. 23 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: They're a little 24 bit different than the ones we have because ours are 25 more local.	Page 29 1 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: They actually do. 2 They actually stay stationed in Hoboken. 3 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Who is on? Who 4 is on? Andrew Conti? Undersheriff, go ahead. 5 UNDERSHERIFF CONTI: In that incident 6 that happened in December in Jersey City, we needed 7 every one of those members, same with other 8 agencies. The State Police responded, outside the 9 county SWAT teams were there. NYPD was there. That 10 situation was an unfortunate one, and hopefully, it 11 never happens again, but the manpower that there was 12 that day was definitely needed. I don't know what 13 this is all heading to as far as numbers goes, but 14 there is a lot of towns in Hudson County that have 15 emergency services units, and then of course, the 16 regional team and our SWAT team. 17 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Gone, were you

Page 30 1 is a very good reason in terms of why there is a 2 regional SWAT team. And I think that's what was 3 spoken to that in terms of having that an also -- 4 and also discussing the December 10th. So 5 Freeholder, I think had asked a question as far as 6 coordination. If there is a major incident, in 7 Hudson County, the regional SWAT team is supposed to 8 be the primary. 9 Say that again? 10 FREEHOLDER CIFElli: And that's just 11 the Prosecutor's Office, your office? 12 MR. RUBINO: The regional SWAT team 13 we have based on all the municipalities, yes. 14 FREEHOLDER CIFElli: So but in case 15 of a major incident, your office would direct and 16 coordinate the others, whether they're Tier 1 or 17 whatever, you would take the helm and direct the 18 coordination of whomever else responded? 19 MR. RUBINO: Yes. That's the way 20 it's supposed to work. That's the way it's supposed 21 to work, Freeholder Cifelli. 22 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Anything else? 23 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Chairman. I 24 have a couple more questions. Is Jersey City a Tier 25 SWAT team?	Page 32 1 three or four teams to be on call because, you know, 2 not everybody is on call all the time so. Those are 3 the factors that lead to the needs of the units, you 4 know, what kind of operators, what kind of special 5 skill set you need. Let's not forget members of our 6 SWAT are negotiators or crisis negotiators which is 7 always the best that we use, or we use dealing with 8 an example, a barricaded subject, a potential 9 hostage situation. So there is a lot of support 10 staff that also goes in in addition to what we 11 produce to what your thinking of as a SWAT operator. 12 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Gene, I think 13 they're on call a lot so localities don't have 14 access to them for the usual you know, whatever job 15 they would normally perform when they're not on call 16 because I have a relative who just got promoted down 17 in one of the shore counties, and I believe the 18 departments told him you have to get on the regional 19 SWAT team because of the demand of his position so. 20 MR. RUBINO: You know, if there were 21 four squads Freeholder, you're probably going to be 22 on call, you know, once a month. It depends. 23 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Freeholder 24 Romano, do you have something? No? Okay. 25 Freeholder Walker, go ahead.
Page 31 1 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Is Edgar Martinez 2 in the office? 3 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Edgar Martinez 4 popped his head before so maybe he can hear this. 5 CAPTAIN MARTINEZ: They are. They 6 are. 7 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So they are a Tier 8 1. So we have three Tier 1 SWAT teams. Yes, Edgar 9 Martinez just confirmed that. So we have three Tier 10 1 SWAT teams. How do we determine, Gene, the size 11 of what the unit should be? How did we decide it 12 should be 40, 45, 50? What is the parameters or 13 criteria to figure out how large a SWAT should be? 14 MR. RUBINO: Freeholder, you have to 15 look at the number of operators that we need to 16 support the group. So there are those factors and 17 you also wanted to go with something that's	Page 33 1 FREEHOLDER WALKER: Real quick, 2 chair. As Party alluded to earlier, I would that we 3 got more convoluted with the names, and as I looked 4 it up in terms of the State statute, the one in the 5 Sheriff's department is not a rapid response team, 6 and they deal with the courts and the parks. That's 7 what it says specifically. So my concern there is 8 the coordination of it all. I mean, if we've got 9 three teams going to the goddamned championship 10 without putting together some plays, they're is 11 going to be chaos. So that's what I want to know. 12 What's the coordination of it all? You know like if 13 you have Jersey City there, the Sheriff department 14 and the Prosecutor, like what is the coordination of 15 it all? That's why I'm unclear with that point. 16 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Undersheriff. 17 UNDERSHERIFF CONTI: The coordination

Page 34 1 teams. It is a coordinated effort. 2 That day in Jersey City, December 10th, 3 well over a hundred whatever you want to call them, 4 SWAT members, emergency response members, they were 5 well coordinated and had our positions on that block 6 and at that building, and it was coordinated by the 7 Prosecutor's regional team. 8 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you, 9 Undersheriff. Let's move on. 10 THE CLERK: No. 17 is resolution for 11 purchases made under the Educational Services 12 Commission of New Jersey Pricing System, formally 13 known as "The Middlesex Regional Educational 14 Services Commission." 15 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Rodriguez-Walker. 16 THE CLERK: 18 is a resolution to 17 approve Purchasing Agent's awards, purchases made 18 under Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System. 19 FREEHOLDER RODRIGUEZ: Sponsor. 20 THE CLERK: Who is the second? 21 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: I'll second. 22 THE CLERK: Vainieri. 19 is a 23 resolution to approve Purchasing Agent's awards, 24 purchases made under Bergen County Cooperative 25 Pricing System, Law Enforcement Supplies.	Page 35 1 FREEHOLDER RODRIGUEZ: Sponsor. 2 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Second. 3 THE CLERK: No. 20 is a resolution 4 for purchases made under Union County Cooperative 5 Pricing System. 6 FREEHOLDER RODRIGUEZ: Sponsor. 7 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Second. 8 Freeholder. 9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I had spoken to 10 the Administrator yesterday. Is Director Edwards on 11 the line? 12 MR. ANTUN: Al, would you unmute 13 Director Edwards. 14 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Director Edwards, 15 I had spoke to the Administration yesterday. I know 16 that this — I spoke about this last meeting, but 17 this is supposed to also include a contact tracing
Page 36 1 after I sent you that text, I spoke to Director 2 Edwards and to George from Johnston. 3 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Okay. 4 MR. ANTUN: I'm still not 5 recommending it. 6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Okay. 7 MR. ANTUN: I'll be glad to speak to 8 you later. 9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Okay. That's 10 fine. There is a separate piece that just relates 11 to contact tracing that you can do. Contact tracing 12 so it ties into once you have the system in, you can 13 then purchase a contact tracing system, which would 14 allow you to do contact tracing from every one 15 that's there, and it's also for people who aren't 16 even at the facility, like people that may be on 17 work release. But I'll defer to talking to the 18 Administrator to get more information because I had 19 some questions on that. I was waiting for him to 20 get all of the information first. 21 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: This expense to 22 the almost \$1.7 million contract that's in front of 23 us, can someone just give me the nuss and bolts of 24 that? It's a lot of money. Any analyzing it or I 25 guess analogizing it for health care? What exactly	Page 37 1 is the 1.7 buying us? 2 MR. ANTUN: Freeholder, this would 3 allow us to install Wi-Fi within the jail. The 4 reason why this is important is because the Director 5 at times has had to lock the inmates into the cells, 6 and quarantine them. By having the Wi-Fi, we could 7 then provide them with services without them having 8 to move around the facility or having to come out of 9 their cell during the quarantine period. Right now, 10 there is no Wi-Fi inside the jail, and that becomes 11 a challenging issue to providing services to the 12 inmates. 13 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Is the need to 14 Wi-Fi the entire facility is less important? It's a 15 question. Is this a COVID-related type of 16 expenditure? It sounds like it is. 17 MR. ANTUN: It is. Yes, it is.

Page 38 1 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Wait a second. 2 Second on the motion, Romano on No. 19, please. 3 Freeholder Cifelli, are you still on? 4 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yeah. Just a 5 question about the Wi-Fi here. So as I understand 6 the entire facility will be set up so that what I 7 mean as far as I'm certainly the last IT person in 8 the room but is -- but the project would create 9 Wi-Fi throughout the entire facility irrespective 10 the census, it's for the facility itself? 11 MR. ANTUN: That's correct, yes. 12 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: All right. But 13 the CARES Act is going to be coming into play as far 14 as the financing of this, right? 15 MR. ANTUN: That's correct. 16 FREEHOLDER WALKER: I have a quick 17 question. 18 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Freeholder 19 Walker. 20 FREEHOLDER WALKER: What I'm reading 21 the back up information doesn't give you a lot of 22 detail. Is it hardware? Is it wireless? 23 MR. ANTUN: It's hardware. It's 24 hardware. 25 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: It's hardware,	Page 40 1 THE CLERK: 24 is a resolution 2 awarding a Fair and Open Contract to Collaborative 3 Support Programs of New Jersey for the operation of 4 the 2020-2021 Warming Center in Kearny, NJ - 5 November 15, 2020 to March 30, 2021. \$478,402. 6 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Torres-Walker. 7 Go ahead, Freeholder Torres. 8 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Just for clarity 9 with the Freeholders, I think Randi Moore was in the 10 chambers, but if you saw there was an e-mail from 11 Randi earlier today explaining in more details the 12 difference between the two bids and why this bid was 13 over the other bid. I don't know if Randi wants to 14 elaborate a little bit more. 15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Does Randi have 16 any comments? At the end of the day, obviously, you 17 have to take aside the quality which they scored 18 much higher on, and you boil it down, even the 19 quantity on the price is low so. That one became a 20 no-brainer when reviewing the hourly cost. This is 21 the lowest cost. 22 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Yeah, I wanted to 23 make sure all of Freeholders in the chambers know. 24 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you, 25 Freeholder.
Page 39 1 Jerry. 2 THE CLERK: No. 21 is a resolution to 3 approve Purchasing Agent's Awards. 4 FREEHOLDER RODRIGUEZ: Sponsor. 5 THE CLERK: Who is the second? 6 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: I'll second. 7 THE CLERK: Romano. Twenty-two is a 8 resolution awarding Professional Service Contract, 9 Fair and Open to the Institute for Forensic 10 Psychology for Pre-employment Psychological 11 Evaluation Services, October 1, 2020 to September 12 30, 2021, \$41,250. 13 Rodriguez-Vainieri. 14 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Hold on. This is 15 for the law enforcement hires, 22? 16 MR. ANTUN: Yes. 17 THE CLERK: No. 22 is a resolution	Page 41 1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: The amount is 2 2.26 million. It may not be that because they may 3 not use all the additional hours, and the other 4 vendor, one would argue could even be found not 5 submitting a proper bid because they didn't include 6 the cleaning which was required under the proposal, 7 and they scored it any way so. 8 THE CLERK: 25 is a Resolution 9 approving Addition No. 1 to a Non-Fair and Open 10 Professional Historic Architectural Services 11 contract with USA Architects design and construction 12 administration of the "Restoration of the West 13 Entrance at the Justice William Brennan Courthouse," 14 \$46,334.58. 15 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Sponsor. 16 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Second. 17 THE CLERK: 26 is a resolution.

Page 42 1 Andrew. 2 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Is he there? 3 THE CLERK: He's there. He has to 4 unmuting. 5 UNDERSHERIFF CONTI: My understanding 6 was that this would be a purchase hopefully with the 7 funding from the CARES act. And it would allow us 8 to deploy a drone if we had a missing child in a 9 park or anywhere else or an elderly person or an 10 Amber Alert, we have do an aerial view of a serious 11 accident scene and active shooter area. I'm 12 thinking that probably the two road supervisors will 13 have one after being properly trained. I don't know 14 the training that goes into this, but I believe it's 15 extensive, and we would put them on a need basis. 16 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So we will only 17 use them as needed? 18 UNDERSHERIFF CONTI: Yes. 19 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: They would be 20 carried in vehicles, and so I would assume obviously 21 if you're looking for a lost child or senior or 22 someone in a park, it wouldn't make sense if you 23 didn't have one in the vehicle that's in that park. 24 and you had to get a vehicle from somewhere else to 25 get that, so how many in total have you purchased?	Page 44 1 taken to the area in the back of the park. So there 2 is more discussion on it. The CARES is available. 3 It was a purchase that we inquired about through 4 Mark Smith. I believe there is a justification 5 letter within your paperwork. 6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So no, no, I read 7 it. But to just elaborate on your point, minutes 8 equal lives with lost children. So if there is a 9 lost child, we've got to really find them quickly. 10 This is a great tool if it's available at a park at 11 the time a child is lost to do that, but if you have 12 to wait 20 minutes for somebody to drive it over, 13 then that 20 minutes can definitely be the 14 difference between life and death for a child. 15 So that's my only concern is that if we're 16 going to purchase it, let's make sure we have them 17 able to be deployed when they need to be deployed 18 because you're correct, when we need to deploy them, 19 we need to deploy them quickly. So if they're 20 not deployed quickly we defeat the purpose to 21 purchase them. 22 UNDERSHERIFF CONTI: I don't disagree 23 with you, Bill, but I would have to say that having 24 any equipment above what we would have now that 25 could assist us is better than not having any.
Page 43 1 UNDERSHERIFF CONTI: I believe it was 2 four. 3 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Four? 4 UNDERSHERIFF CONTI: Yes. 5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I think we just 6 need to know and understand how they're going to be 7 and where they're going to be because once you -- 8 you know once we do this and once we train the 9 individuals, I don't know where the four are going 10 to be, but God forbid one of them is not in Lincoln 11 Park or Braddock Park the day that a child goes 12 missing, and then we've got anybody in the world 13 saying, You bought these but you didn't have them 14 that day because it was in Gregg Park. 15 UNDERSHERIFF CONTI: I don't believe 16 that would be stationary. I believe they would be	Page 45 1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I'm not 2 disagreeing, but having it and then after we have, 3 not properly being able to deploy, and then finding 4 out that an incident occurs and because we weren't 5 properly prepared to deploy it, makes it generally 6 useless because it takes so long to get where it's 7 needed, creates a bigger -- one would argue within a 8 liability sense, it would create -- you created a 9 liability for yourself because you recognized the 10 problem that needs to be addressed, and then the way 11 to address is done in a way that it becomes almost 12 counterproductive. 13 So I think Mr. Chairman and Freeholder 14 Romano, we just need in Public Safety Committee to 15 layout a framework to find out that when we purchase 16 these, they're done and they're available in a 17 manner that makes them the most effective -- even if

Page 46 1 FREEHOLDER CIPPELLI: Irrespective of 2 what you're telling me, I don't see the COVID 3 connection here. 4 MR. ANTUN: There isn't. That's why 5 I just said -- 6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: It's not CARES 7 act. It's not being paid with CARES Act. 8 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Freeholder Romano 9 is on Public Safety. We'll probably be talking 10 about it Thursday. Can we move on, please? 11 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Chairman, I 12 mean, I agree with Freeholder Walker. At a minimum 13 any park that has a large area -- 14 UNDERSHERIFF CONTI: Yeah, I agree 15 Bill. 16 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Go ahead, 17 Mr. Clerk. 18 THE CLERK: 26 is a resolution 19 qualifying Professional Consulting Firms for the 20 provision of "On-Call" Historical Architectural 21 Engineering Services to the Hudson County Engineer's 22 Office. 23 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Sponsor. 24 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Second. 25 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Chairman, we	Page 47 1 discussed this in committee. Obviously I'm always a 2 fan of the more firms being qualified, the better. 3 And we just caution that to some degree, historic 4 architecture is a very specific area, and I would 5 think that as we actually have projects to be 6 soliciting proposals for, if we kind of refine it a 7 little more, the level of expertise we're going to 8 need before we get a proposal because I look at some 9 of these, they're just regular architectural or 10 engineering companies that might have one or a 11 subcontract worker or somebody connected to them 12 that's a historical architect. And with major 13 projects like the Brennan Courthouse or even a 14 fountain, you need more than one person or maybe a 15 firm that technically is certified as a historical 16 architect. 17 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you.
Page 48 1 we get a report on the waterfront project as to how 2 many individuals that provided service to? And the 3 outcomes of the services they provided so not that 4 they just had a consultation with a hundred people, 5 but did they prevent people from being evicted or 6 whatever assistance may have been provided, what the 7 result of those interactions were? 8 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you. 9 Proceed. 10 THE CLERK: No. 28 is also a 11 replacement to correct the dollar amount. The 12 title, resolution approving 2020 Assistant 13 Prosecutor salary adjustments increasing the 2020 14 Assistant Prosecutor base salary to \$60,000.00 from 15 \$55,000.00 in the Office of the Hudson County 16 Prosecutor effective August 1, 2020, \$157,992. 17 Vainieri and Walker. 18 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Yes, please. 19 THE CLERK: 29 is a resolution 20 approving continuing operation of a Psychiatric Care 21 Program at Meadowview Psychiatric Hospital for 2021. 22 FREEHOLDER RODRIGUEZ: Sponsor. 23 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Second. 24 THE CLERK: No. 30 is a resolution 25 amending Resolution No. 257-5-2015 to authorize	Page 49 1 adoption of the updated Hudson County 2 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. 3 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Sponsor. 4 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Second. 5 THE CLERK: 31 is a resolution 6 authorizing Fourth Amendment to Non-Exclusive Access 7 Agreement to County Rights of Way Verizon Wireless. 8 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Sponsor. 9 THE CLERK: Is it Rodriguez on 10 second? 11 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Yes, please. 12 THE CLERK: 32 is a resolution 13 amending Resolution Number 387-6-2020 and Resolution 14 Number 443-7-2020 regarding Small Business Grant 15 Award Criteria and to approve formula to be employed 16 in determining amount of Small Business Grants. 17 FREEHOLDER RODRIGUEZ: Sponsor.

Page 50 1 which we would take the total final allocation, 2 divide that into the total amount that were deem 3 eligible, and whatever that percent is, it's applied 4 to that allocation. 5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So I guess in some 6 instances, like in Jersey City, they just moved over 7 other money so they don't have to do that. This 8 applies to a town where they oversubscribe, they 9 either opt not to move the rent assistance or any of 10 the rental assistance money over, and they you just 11 take -- they have \$5 million of requests, they had 12 3 million in funding, everyone gets funded at 13 60 percent. 14 MR. ANTUN: That's it. 15 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Okay. Thank you 16 very much. 17 THE CLERK: No. 33 is a Resolution 18 amending Resolution No. 497-8-2020 approving Federal 19 Grant Agreement No. 2020-DT-DLA-539 between the New 20 Jersey Department of Transportation and the County 21 of Hudson for celebrating the Morris Canal 22 Greenway/Mercer Park Improvements, City of Bayonne 23 to correct the project name contained in the body of 24 the Resolution. 25 Kopacz and?	Page 52 1 me? 2 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Go ahead, Tom. 3 MR. MALAVASI: Excellent. This is 4 Willow Avenue under the bridge heading south. It's 5 the changing the left turn lanes on 16th Street. 6 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Will that be only 7 for certain hours, Tom? 8 MR. MALAVASI: No. They asked for at 9 all times, so you wouldn't be able to make a left 10 turn on 16th Street. 11 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: I thought the 12 intention was only during the daylight hours. 13 MR. MALAVASI: That was our initial 14 thought, but they asked for all day. 15 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: I suggest you 16 make some phone calls, Freeholder, before Thursday. 17 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: What about -- is 18 that only one, Tom? Because it says controls with 19 an S. 20 MR. MALAVASI: Well it's several, 21 it's several different signs. That's why. 22 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Okay. Thank you. 23 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Freeholder 24 Romano, if you want to change that, you know, take 25 it to City Hall or go to the chamber of the Mayor.
Page 51 1 FREEHOLDER WALKER: Walker. We have 2 two ordinances for introduction the first is 3 ordinance amending Chapter 200, Article 8.11 Of the 4 Administrative Code to establish a Reserved Handicap 5 Parking Space on John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Bayonne 6 for Karim A. Hermas. 7 FREEHOLDER KOPACZ: Sponsor. Kopacz. 8 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Second. Romano. 9 THE CLERK: The second ordinance for 10 introduction Ordinance amending Chapter 200, Article 11 24 of the Administrative Code to provide for the 12 installation and operation of Traffic Signal 13 Controls in the City of Hoboken on a portion of 14 Willow Avenue, a County-owned Roadway. 15 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: I'll sponsor and 16 I have a question. 17 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Go ahead.	Page 53 1 Thank you very much. 2 MR. MALAVASI: We can modify 3 everything tomorrow if we need to. 4 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you very 5 much. 6 THE CLERK: There are two ordinances 7 for second reading. I will use the sponsors for 8 introduction. The Administration has additional 9 items. 10 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Go ahead, 11 Mr. Administrator. 12 MR. ANTUN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. 13 I have additional items. The first item is 14 authorizing and accepting the agreement with the 15 FFY20 Urban Area Security Initiative, also known as 16 the USAI. It's in the amount of \$370,500. 17 THE CLERK: Romano and Vainieri.

Page 54 1 for the -- it's the MHAS program. I think it's 2 called medical or Mental Health And Addiction 3 Service. It's an amount that we received in the 4 form of a grant of \$503,000, and they approved, and 5 we would like the Board to accept an extension of 6 this agreement until September 30th, 2021. 7 THE CLERK: Torres, and who was the 8 second? 9 FREEHOLDER WALKER: Walker. 10 THE CLERK: And item has the period 11 through September 30, 2021? 12 MR. ANTUN: That's correct, Al. 13 THE CLERK: Okay. That's No. 36 on 14 the consent agenda. 15 MR. ANTUN: The next item that I have 16 is an amendment to the reimbursement agreement to 17 administrator the small business grants. This 18 affect the three municipalities, Jersey City, 19 Hoboken and Kearny. And what we're doing in this 20 agreement is number one, we are stating what the 21 final allocations are. And also for the different 22 programs, the reimbursement program, the business 23 grant and rental assistance, which is pursuant to 24 the chart that we have provided to the board in the 25 past. And it also gives the Administration the	Page 55 1 authority to move any monies that are requested by 2 the municipalities between the funding categories. 3 So as an example, Jersey City, which I've 4 already received the request wants to move some 5 money from the rental program to the business grant, 6 this resolution if approved would give us the 7 authority to do that without coming back to the 8 Board. 9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Does it also give 10 you the ability to move from just the general 11 reimbursements? 12 MR. ANTUN: Yes, it does. 13 Freeholder, as long as it's within their three 14 categories. 15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So there's three 16 categories, general reimbursements, a set aside for 17 small business
Page 56 1 we're doing this is because we're trying to create a 2 paper trail. We want to create a paper trail. 3 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Understood. 4 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Question, 5 Mr. Chair. 6 THE CLERK: Do we have sponsors for 7 this item? 8 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: I'll second it. 9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I'll sponsor. 10 THE CLERK: O'Dea and Vainieri. 11 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Go ahead 12 Freeholder Romano. 13 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yeah. Abe, 14 Hoboken finally got all of its paperwork straight? 15 MR. ANTUN: You know, Freeholder, 16 I'll defer that to Director Fuller because I'm 17 not -- I'm not directly involved in that. 18 Al, can you unmute Director Fuller, 19 please? 20 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: The reason I say 21 that, Abe, is because Council people are being told 22 by administration officials that the County holding 23 up things, and I told them that's not the case. 24 MR. ANTUN: I believe I saw an 25 earlier e-mail exchange that we had not received the	Page 57 1 agreement, the sign agreement back from Hoboken. 2 But again, I'll defer to Director Fuller or perhaps 3 County Counsel can elaborate. Can you unmute 4 Director Fuller? 5 THE CLERK: Cheryl is on. 6 DIRECTOR FULLER: Yes, can you hear 7 me? 8 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Go ahead. 9 DIRECTOR FULLER: Okay. A couple of 10 things. First of all, Abe is correct. We are still 11 waiting for a sign agreement. Aside from that the 12 City of Hoboken, and this is pursuant to the 13 previous conversation about the allocation, the City 14 of Hoboken sent us a list of approved small business 15 grants applications, however, they didn't quite 16 follow the criteria. And so some applicants that 17 were eligible Hoboken had used their discretion and

Page 58 1 reallocate money from either the reimbursement or 2 the rent allocation if you chose to do so. I told 3 them as recently as yesterday, and I haven't heard 4 back anything yet. 5 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: It's ironic 6 because the deputy business administrator is telling 7 Council people it's our fault and I know it's not. 8 So I would like to follow up tomorrow and let me 9 know, please. 10 DIRECTOR FULLER: Follow-up? Well, 11 first of all, we need back the signed agreement. 12 Secondly, the last time I spoke to -- 13 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: That's the one 14 who is telling people that it's our fault. 15 DIRECTOR FULLER: The criteria, it 16 was clear that if you know if someone met the 17 criteria, that they will be awarded as a grant. 18 That's the reason we came up with the formula 19 allocation. But again, he was going to speak to the 20 mayor. This was at late as yesterday afternoon. I 21 haven't heard back from him yet. Freeholder, I will 22 follow-up. 23 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Thank you. 24 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you, guys. 25 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, the final	Page 60 1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yeah. 2 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Is that okay with 3 everybody? Board as a whole. Thank you. 4 THE CLERK: I have nothing else. 5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Chairman, I 6 have two issues. One, I asked that we have 7 Francesca available to get update on where we are 8 with the census. 9 MR. ANTUN: Al, can you please unmute 10 Francesca? 11 THE CLERK: Sure. 12 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: There she is, 13 Francesca. 14 MS. GIARRATANA: Yes. Hi, 15 Freeholders, how are you doing? Yes. So I sent you 16 out an e-mail yesterday, updated with response 17 rates. We are two percentage points away from our 18 self-response rate from 2010, so that was the marker 19 we were really aiming for. So we were happy to see 20 that. We feel that adult response, you know, adult 21 response is the most accurate response so we're 22 feeling good about that. 23 And then the Census Bureau reporting for 24 the area offices which is the Jersey City area 25 office covering all of Hudson County, they're
Page 59 1 item that I have is the -- the amendment to the 2 reimbursement agreement for the other nine 3 municipalities that pretty much follows what I said 4 before. We're treating these separately because 5 obviously, the rental program and the business 6 program are County programs. 7 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you. I'll 8 sponsor it. 9 THE CLERK: Who was the second, 10 Kopacz? 11 FREEHOLDER KOPACZ: Kopacz. 12 THE CLERK: This is No. 38 on the 13 consent agenda. 14 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, that's all 15 the items that I have. 16 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you. 17 THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, there is	Page 61 1 reporting that 90 percent of the census takers 2 workload is completed. So you know there is still 3 nine or ten more days left for them to finish up 4 that remaining. So that's where they're at. So you 5 know, we're coming to the end. We have a few final 6 events planned in each of the municipalities. I 7 sent out all of that information to the Freeholders, 8 and we've gotten a good turnout so far, and we're 9 really going to push, especially the Union City and 10 Jersey City events. 11 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Chairman, when 12 you say 90 percent of their work is done, does that 13 mean they made contacts, or does that mean they made 14 an effort to contact the individuals that have not 15 submitted or the addresses that did not submit a 16 self census report? 17 MS. GIARRATANA: It's not completely

Page 62 1 to the condensed time line of the follow-up 2 response. You could see something like they call it 3 in the field operations, so that larger buildings 4 they call a neighbor and ask do you know how many 5 people live in a household, do you have ages for 6 that, do you have a race? So it's definitely not a 7 complete, fully complete response but that's how the 8 census bureau is computing it. 9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So they go the 10 second time because someone still hasn't submitted 11 it, as opposed to the way it used to be because I 12 was -- I know I worked on one census when I was in 13 the college. They don't go to the house and try to 14 get all the information. 15 MS. GIARRATANA: No. They only are 16 going a max number of two times to the household and 17 in the past -- 18 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: They go back the 19 second time. Someone goes back the second time and 20 ring the bell. A person answers, are they now 21 saying, Hi, you have not submitted your census form 22 yet, I would like to do it now. And start to ask 23 them all the questions that would be on the census 24 form? 25 MS. GIARRATANA: Yes. That would be	Page 64 1 average? And what is Jersey City's? 2 MS. GIARRATANA: Jersey City's is 3 at -- hold on one second. So to date right now 4 Jersey City is at almost 55 percent, 54.8. Which is 5 not too -- they're 54.8, which about four percentage 6 points behind their 2010 self-response rate. And 7 then the County is about -- I don't have the state 8 number in front of me, but it's I want to say at 9 least five percentage points below the State. 10 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So the County is 11 five percent below the State? 12 MS. GIARRATANA: Yes. 13 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: And the City of 14 Jersey City is four percent below 2010? 15 MS. GIARRATANA: Yes, yes. 16 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Those are 17 problematic, both of them, okay. What happens after 18 the end of the month? What happens after the 19 enumerators come back do their thing, gives 20 everybody two visits? I don't know. They ring some 21 bells, and they go, I don't know how many people 22 live there or I'm not comfortable answering you, do 23 they then just put no response? 24 MS. GIARRATANA: So the way it was 25 explained to me you know they have different ways of
Page 63 1 a in-person enumeration. 2 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So they still do 3 that? 4 MS. GIARRATANA: Yes, yes, of course 5 but -- 6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I thought maybe 7 with the pandemic maybe that was not being done. So 8 you're telling me now if they don't, the second time 9 they go, they ring, the person doesn't answer. 10 Whatever, it could be a language issue. It could be 11 the person's not home. They then attempt to talk to 12 someone who is a neighbor. They ring a neighbor's 13 bell and say do you know how many people live here? 14 MS. GIARRATANA: Yes. 15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: And what their 16 ages are and what that ethnicities are and then	Page 65 1 doing, you know, some estimations based on what the 2 demographics look like in the area. Which again is 3 not ideal, but you know, they have formulas for that 4 you know this is what they've done in the past as 5 well when they don't get any response. And you 6 know, there is still a plan for bringing that 7 deadline back from it was going to be the end of 8 October, bringing it back to you know the 9 September 30 date, which would give them more time 10 on the back end to do the response validation and 11 you know filling in these gaps on the back end that 12 they felt that needed to have more time for. So 13 again -- 14 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So is there 15 anything written that could be shared? I would like 16 to see it because I never heard of this. We always 17 call everybody you've got to get counted, and now

Page 66 1 It is definitely in no way the ideal way to go about 2 ii. And you know, these are you know -- that is the 3 final resort that they have to go to. Yes, I can 4 get all of that information to you. 5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I just whatever 6 this formula is they have whether your neighbor says 7 four people live there and their ages are X, Y and 8 Z, and that's what we get their ages, and then the 9 neighborhood of whatever three-bedroom house has 10 three people or 3.3 people, so we got three people, 11 usually one is a child. Whatever that, you know, 12 whatever formula they use for that, but I just want 13 to make sure under those scenarios that number gets 14 plugged into the count for what Jersey City or 15 Hudson County will have upon which aid, federal aid 16 is based on which grant allocations are based and 17 things like that? 18 MS. GIARRATANA: Right, absolutely. 19 FREEHOLDER WALKER: Mr. Chairman, 20 Francesca if it's possible can we get a Spanish 21 speaking outreach person for you to send us to come 22 down. If they can get out there at nine, I've got a 23 large population in my community, and they don't 24 speak English. So I'm trying to explain it. If you 25 can send a representative this weekend because we	Page 68 1 that bump should be moved easterly, closer to the 2 Boulevard to prevent that type of racing from 3 occurring? 4 DIRECTOR D'ALESSANDRO: Yes. I'll 5 call Paul Russo tomorrow. 6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Okay. Thank you 7 That's all I have, Mr. Chairman. 8 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you. 9 Anything else, Mr. Santos? 10 THE CLERK: A motion to adjourn is in 11 order. 12 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Motion. 13 FREEHOLDER KOPACZ: Second. 14 THE CLERK: All in favor? Opposed? 15 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Be safe 16 everybody, and Godspeed the recovery of Freeholder 17 Cedeño. 18 (Whereupon the proceeding is then 19 concluded at 5:30 p.m.) 20 21 22 23 24 25
Page 67 1 get about two or 300 people that that would be a 2 good start for you. We'll do it offline. 3 MS. GIARRATANA: Thank you. 4 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you, 5 Francesca. 6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Also Mr. Chairman, 7 the other item I had, is Denise on the line? 8 MR. ANTUN: Al, can you please unmute 9 Denise D'Alessandro? 10 THE CLERK: Yes. 11 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Denise, I just get 12 a letter from a constituent that lives on Highland 13 Avenue, just west of JFK Boulevard. They're in 14 their late 70s. I know this is something you're 15 going to have to coordinate with the city, but it 16 certainly impacts Kennedy Boulevard. And they're	Page 69 1 CERTIFICATION 2 3 I, SHARI CATHEY, CCR, RPR, License No. 4 30X100234700, and Notary Public of the State of New 5 Jersey, hereby certify that the proceedings herein 6 are from the notes taken by me of a Caucus Meeting 7 of the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders, 8 held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020; and that this 9 is a correct transcript of the same. 10 11 12 13 <i>Shari Cathey</i> 14 SHARI CATHEY, CCR, RPR 15 A NOTARY PUBLIC of the 16 State of New Jersey 17 I.D. No. 2283786 18 Commission Expires 2/4/22

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1 of the Hudson County Board of Freeholders scheduled 2 for Thursday, September 24, 2020 at six p.m. will 3 take place in person and via the Zoom virtual 4 meeting service at the scheduled date and time. The 5 Freeholders' Chamber will be limited to 25 persons 6 for the meeting. The Zoom Meeting ID number is 915 7 5392 5879. Members of the public can also join the 8 meeting by dialing 929-436-2866, and using the same 9 Zoom Meeting ID. 10 If you wish to participate during the 11 public portions of this meeting, you must do so via 12 Zoom audio, and use the Raise Your Hand icon during 13 those portions of the meeting. 14 Mr. Chairman, at this point, may I have a 15 motion to approve the minutes of the Departmental 16 Budget Session that was held June 17, 2020. 17 Torres and Romano. 18 Freeholder Cedeño. 19 FREEHOLDER CEDEÑO: Yes. 20 THE CLERK: Cifelli. 21 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes. 22 THE CLERK: Kopacz. 23 FREEHOLDER KOPACZ: Yes. 24 THE CLERK: O'Dea. 25 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.	1 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cedeño. 2 FREEHOLDER CEDEÑO: Here. 3 THE CLERK: Present on Zoom. 4 Freeholder Cifelli. 5 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Present on Zoom. 6 THE CLERK: Freeholder Kopacz. 7 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: He's here. 8 THE CLERK: Freeholder O'Dea. 9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Present. 10 THE CLERK: Freeholder Rodriguez. 11 FREEHOLDER RODRIGUEZ: Here. 12 THE CLERK: Via Zoom. Freeholder 13 Romano. 14 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Here. 15 THE CLERK: Freeholder Torres. 16 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Present on Zoom. 17 THE CLERK: Freeholder Walker. 18 FREEHOLDER WALKER: Here. 19 THE CLERK: Via Zoom. Chairman 20 Vainieri. 21 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Here. 22 THE CLERK: Present in the chamber. 23 Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. 24 (Flag Salute. Moment of Silence) 25 THE CLERK: Adequate notice of this	1 Regular Meeting has been provided as follows: 2 1. Posting notice of Resolution -- 3 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Before we start, 4 Mr. Chairman, before we get to this portion of 5 meeting, in addition to the passing of Justice 6 Ginsberg, I've also read in the paper last week that 7 former Hudson County Register, Ken Chmielewski also 8 died, so perhaps we could add him to our moment of 9 silence. 10 (Moment of silence.) 11 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Yes, sir. 12 THE CLERK: Adequate notice of this 13 Regular Meeting has been provided as follows: 14 1. Posting notice of Resolution No. 15 8-1-2020 on the Freeholder's Bulletin Board, First 16 Floor, Administration Building Annex, Jersey City.	1 THE CLERK: Rodriguez. 2 FREEHOLDER RODRIGUEZ: Yes. 3 THE CLERK: Romano. 4 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes. 5 THE CLERK: Torres. 6 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Yes. 7 THE CLERK: Walker. 8 FREEHOLDER WALKER: Yes. 9 THE CLERK: Chairman Vainieri. 10 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Yes. 11 THE CLERK: The next order of 12 business is Laudatory 1. I want to see if he's 13 present as an attendee if you want him to talk, and 14 then Mr. Chair, with your permission, I will read 15 the laudatory into the record? 16 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Yes. Go ahead. 17 Proceed.

1 the Board does hereby extend its highest
2 commendations to Peter A. Busacca Jr., for his
3 service on the Workforce Development Board, and his
4 leadership of the Hudson County Central Labor
5 Council, and the Board does hereby extend its
6 appreciation to Peter A. Busacca Jr., for his
7 tireless dedication to the citizens of Hudson County
8 and wishes him much health, happiness and enjoyment
9 in the years to come.

10 On L-I, Freeholder Cedeño.

11 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cedeño.

12 FREEHOLDER CEDEÑO: Yes.

13 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.

14 FREEHOLDER CIFELE: Before I cast my

15 vote, I've been on the Board for in excess of 20

16 years, and Peter has come before us on numerous

17 occasions, and each time he came before us, he's

18 always exhibited a passionate advocacy for the

19 members of the labor unions. He's always been very

20 informational and helpful in the way we determine

21 contracts and evaluate contracts, and when I hear

22 the social postscripts of his peers, especially his

23 marriage to Doreen for 51 years, I wants to thank

24 Doreen first and foremost that Doreen had Peter.

25 Fifty-one years being married to anybody is a labor,

1 Development Board in 2012, by the Honorable Thomas

2 A. DeGise.

3 Whereas, Peter A. Busacca Jr., has served
4 honorably as a Workforce Development Board Member in
5 a voluntary capacity, helping to provide oversight,
6 guidance, governance and transparency as an active
7 member of that board.

8 Whereas, Peter A. Busacca Jr., also served

9 with distinction as president of the Hudson County

10 Central Labor Council from 1985, until his

11 retirement in 2018. He successfully managed the

12 State Technician Apprenticeship Recruitment Program,

13 a company that works with the New Jersey Department

14 of Labor and Workforce Development in administering

15 the Youth Transitions to Work Stage Technician

16 Apprenticeship Program. Under his leadership, the

17 company has managed a Union Apprenticeship Outreach

18 Program for full-time positions with the

19 International Alliance of Stage Theatrical

20 Employees.

21 Whereas, Peter A. Busacca Jr., was an

22 active and involved member of the Hudson County

23 community, serving on numerous organizations

24 including the following: Past Chairperson of the

25 Jersey City Family Health Center operated by Liberty

1 Health Care, Past Vice President of the City-Wide

2 Parents Council of Jersey City; Past President of

3 the Dickinson High School Parents Council; Past Post

4 427 American Legion Service Officer, Treasurer,

5 Commander, Vice Commander; President Hudson County

6 Resource Center; Member Heights Neighborhood Block

7 Association; Vice Chair, Jersey City Democratic

8 Organization; and Hudson County Democratic Committee

9 Person for District 24 in Jersey City.

10 Whereas, Peter A. Busacca Jr. was a proud

11 member of Local 827 International Brotherhood of

12 Electrical Workers of Jersey City, serving as Union

13 Chairperson from 2004 to 2008, a two-term Unit

14 Chairman of Local 827 IBEW for Hudson, Bergen and

15 Passaic Counties and a member of Local 827 IBEW's

16 COPE Committee; and

1 and she performed it as well as Peter performed his

2 labor. And I want to thank Peter and express my

3 appreciation for all he's done, and I certainly vote

4 aye.

5 THE CLERK: Freeholder Kopacz.

6 FREEHOLDER KOPACZ: Yeah, Pete.

7 Thanks for being a good friend and for all of the

8 wonderful community service you have given to Hudson

9 County. God bless you. Yes.

10 THE CLERK: Freeholder O'Dea.

11 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So I had the honor

12 of knowing Pete even before I served on the

13 Freeholder Board for many, many years. We have

14 left -- we probably have two together relations.

15 One is his former partner and mentor Eddie Poland

16 (ph.), who I had to update the Council about it, and

17 he was a giant in the labor world, and I'm sure

1 plaque in the back of the chambers, under Ann
2 O'Malley's picture, in getting -- and I'm always
3 happy to be on the Board as is Freeholder Cifelli
4 and to sponsor it, we, this County enacted the
5 Second Living Wage Law in the United States of
6 America. I believe a place in Wisconsin was first
7 and the impetus for adopting. That was the movement
8 that Peter and Eddie and the Central Labor Council
9 had in bringing it to our attention.

10 So it's I guess it's too late to amend the
11 resolution, but I think that every day that we sit
12 here at a meeting, and we look at the right back
13 corner, our plaque, it reminds that we were very
14 progressive before the movement even started, and
15 we've amended that ordinance several times to make
16 it stronger, and I think that that's a testimony to
17 Pete as well as besides all of the great Jersey City
18 organizations that he's been involved in in his
19 life.

20 And even after that, Pete, I don't know
21 where you're going to retire to, but personally I
22 don't believe you can actually retire. So wherever
23 you go, I think they're going to have a new advocate
24 for their organization that they have there. So God
25 bless you. I'm happy to call you a friend. And I'm

1 proud to vote aye.

2 THE CLERK: Freeholder Rodriguez.

3 FREEHOLDER RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

4 Congratulations, and I vote aye.

5 THE CLERK: Freeholder Romano.

6 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: First, Pete thank

7 you for your labor service during a tough time,
8 also thank you for your guidance, support of labor,
9 from the minute I became a Freeholder, for your
10 friendship and always being there for me, especially
11 during this last year. God bless you and your wife.
12 I wish you the best in the future. And wherever you
13 retire to, I'm sure you'll be a committee person
14 there too and start all over. So keep up the good
15 work. We'll never forget you. You will always be
16 in our hearts, and you're a part of labor.

17 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Freeholder Romano votes

1 County of Hudson and its residents, and if you're
2 retiring, stay out politics. Good luck to your
3 family. Thank you very much.

4 MR. BUSACCA: I appreciate all of
5 kind words you've said. And I've been in Jersey
6 City 65 years and it's humbling. And in any life,
7 things change and it's time to actually head to
8 Florida. Unfortunately, I don't think we will be
9 there in time to register, although my wife keeps
10 saying we should vote here and vote in Florida. I
11 don't know if we're going to get caught in that, but
12 I know she's up for it.

13 Again, Bill and Freeholder Romano and to
14 Kenny Kopacz, and Freeholder Cifelli, I appreciate
15 all of the camaraderie that we've had over the years
16 and as the attorney has told me on more than one
17 occasion, when I resigned from the Hudson County
18 Central Labor Council and they made me president
19 emeritus, they said that only means that I'm old, so
20 you should know. Thank for your attention.

21 everybody. And thank you all for this great honor.

22 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Good luck to you,

23 sir.

24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Good luck, Pete.

25 There's four more year to register in Florida so

1 you've got a shot.

2 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Go ahead.

3 Mr. Clerk.

4 THE CLERK: The next order of

5 business is additional discussion on today's agenda.

6 Mr. Administrator.

7 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Before we start,

8 Mr. Administrator.

9 MR. ANTUN: I have one additional --

10 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: We have one item I

11 think first.

12 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: 19A.

13 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes, 19A. I

14 second the motion.

15 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Hold on one

16 second. I'm sorry. If you remove that, I'm okay.

17 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Motion by

Page 14 1 FREEHOLDER KOPACZ: Yes. 2 THE CLERK: O'Dea. 3 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes. 4 THE CLERK: Rodriguez. 5 FREEHOLDER RODRIGUEZ: Yes. 6 THE CLERK: Romano. 7 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes. 8 THE CLERK: Torres. 9 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Yes. 10 THE CLERK: Walker. 11 FREEHOLDER WALKER: Yes. 12 THE CLERK: Chairman Vainieri. 13 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Yes, sir. Thank 14 very much. Mr. Administrator. 15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Thank you, 16 Mr. Chairman. Chairman, we would like the Board to 17 consider amending Resolution No. 21 to include 18 awarding janitorial supplies contract to nine 19 vendors in the amount of \$32,000, pursuant to a 20 publicly held bid. 21 THE CLERK: The amendment to 21, we 22 need a sponsor. 23 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: You want to 24 replace? What do you want to do, sir? 25 MR. ANTUN: We would be replacing 21,	Page 16 1 the agenda. 2 THE CLERK: We need a roll call to 3 amend No. 21, Mr. Chair. Proceed with the roll 4 call? 5 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Go ahead. Roll 6 call. 7 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cedeño. 8 FREEHOLDER CEDEÑO: Yes. 9 THE CLERK: Cifelli. 10 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Abstain. 11 THE CLERK: Kopacz. 12 FREEHOLDER KOPACZ: Yes. 13 THE CLERK: O'Dea. 14 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Abstain. 15 THE CLERK: Rodriguez. 16 FREEHOLDER RODRIGUEZ: Yes. 17 THE CLERK: Romano. 18 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes. 19 THE CLERK: Torres. 20 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Abstain. 21 THE CLERK: Walker. 22 FREEHOLDER WALKER: Yes. 23 THE CLERK: Chairman Vainieri. 24 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Yes. 25 THE CLERK: 21 is replaced.
Page 15 1 by making an additional award. We will make it 2 Letter F. It's awarding a contract for janitorial 3 supplies for the correctional center. The amount is 4 \$32,000. 5 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Who is it going 6 to? 7 MR. ANTUN: It's nine vendors. 8 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I never heard of 9 that group before. 10 MR. ANTUN: Because when we went out 11 to bid, there are multiple items on the bid sheet, 12 so some vendors were low on certain items and as 13 opposed to others. 14 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: It's a mix. 15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: How many are from 16 Hudson County?	Page 17 1 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you. 2 Mr. Administrator. 3 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, I don't 4 have additional items, but we did provide some 5 replacement items. No. 11 was replaced. The 6 resolution had to be changed because we had the 7 incorrect date in the body of the resolution, and we 8 had to change the title. 9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I make a motion to 10 amend or replace -- amend 11 to correct the title 11 and date in the body of the resolution. 12 THE CLERK: Seconded by Romano? 13 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Yes. 14 THE CLERK: Roll call on No. 11. 15 Freeholder Cedeño -- 16 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: What is the -- 17 that was -- do you mind if I sponsor it?

Page 18 1 sponsor the ending resolution. 2 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Okay. Second by 3 Freeholder O'Dea. Roll call, please. 4 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cedeño. 5 FREEHOLDER CEDEÑO: Yes. 6 THE CLERK: Cifelli. 7 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes. 8 THE CLERK: Kopacz. 9 FREEHOLDER KOPACZ: Yes. 10 THE CLERK: O'Dea. 11 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes. 12 THE CLERK: Rodriguez. 13 FREEHOLDER RODRIGUEZ: Yes. 14 THE CLERK: Romano. 15 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes. 16 THE CLERK: Torres. 17 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Yes. 18 THE CLERK: Walker. 19 FREEHOLDER WALKER: Yes. 20 THE CLERK: Chairman Vainieri. 21 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Yes. 22 THE CLERK: 11 is replaced. 23 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you. 24 MR. ANTUN: We're also replacing item 25 No. 26. No. 26 was the architects, and it made	Page 19 1 reference -- these are not historic architects. 2 These are regular on-call architects. That's the 3 change. Freeholder O'Dea, you're the one that 4 focused. These are not the historic architects. 5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I've got to tell 6 you, I literally -- I pointed out at the meeting and 7 pointed out in committee, and nobody said anything 8 about that. I find that very troublesome that 9 somebody whose job it is to do this didn't recognize 10 that. Like I say that you don't know if they have a 11 historic architect that was involved with them or 12 whatever so if we get a transcript of the Public 13 Resources Committee. 14 MR. ANTUN: Freeholder, I'm not 15 disputing that. That's why what you said in public, 16 I followed up and said it looked wrong. I agree, 17 makes reference to the map, and the map has been
Page 20 1 THE CLERK: So on a motion to replace 2 26. 3 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Go ahead. Keep 4 it the same, Vainieri-Romano. 5 THE CLERK: Roll call, Mr. Chair? 6 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Yes, please. 7 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cedeño. 8 FREEHOLDER CEDEÑO: Yes. 9 THE CLERK: Cifelli. 10 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes. 11 THE CLERK: Kopacz. 12 FREEHOLDER KOPACZ: Yes. 13 THE CLERK: O'Dea. 14 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Add it to the 15 embarrassing moment category. Yes. 16 THE CLERK: Rodriguez. 17 FREEHOLDER RODRIGUEZ: Yes. 18 THE CLERK: Romano. 19 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes. 20 THE CLERK: Torres. 21 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Yes. 22 THE CLERK: Walker. 23 FREEHOLDER WALKER: Yes. 24 THE CLERK: Chairman Vainieri. 25 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Yes.	Page 21 1 THE CLERK: 26 is replaced. 2 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Mr. 3 Administrator. 4 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, the last 5 item that I have, this relates to the concern that 6 was raised by Freeholder Romano. It relates to 7 Ordinance No. 1. That has been replaced because it 8 made reference to that -- I believe the hours. It's 9 going to be during off hours. 10 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Nine a.m. to 11 seven p.m. 12 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: That's it. 13 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Just for the 14 record make sure that that's -- 15 MR. ANTUN: The engineer told me 16 there is no need to change the wording because it 17 makes reference to the map, and the map has been

Page 22 1 Mr. Chairman. 2 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you very 3 much, Mr. Clerk. 4 THE CLERK: According to the policy 5 set by the Board of Freeholders -- 6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I'm sorry. Al, Al 7 Santos. Before -- before we open up to the public, 8 can we please ask Director Edwards to give a brief 9 overview to the item related to the Wi-Fi at the 10 correctional center, the reason and purpose for it, 11 the benefit from an inmate perspective. How will 12 they benefit from it? 13 THE CLERK: Mr. Edwards. 14 DIRECTOR EDWARDS: Freeholders, the 15 Wi-Fi is necessary right now under the conditions of 16 the pandemic. The benefit will be that we will be 17 able to provide telemedicine along with the 18 psychiatric telemedicine. We can restart our 19 programs with AA meetings, the Integrity House, 20 substance abuse programs, as well as higher 21 education and English as a Second Language. The 22 list of the programs are endless possibilities. We 23 can enhance and enable the inmate population to 24 reenter society better than when we got them. 25 The reason for the high cost is because of	Page 24 1 review before the meetings and to be clear about 2 what is on the agenda. So this has happened several 3 times and multiple times personally for me a couple 4 years ago when there was a item on the agenda that I 5 only had one page on it, and I asked for more 6 information and that led to terrible things. 7 However, it seems like every time we have 8 an agenda, there is not all but a few items that we 9 do not have full information on. And so times we 10 ask questions and we're seeing -- it's seen as if 11 we're being bothersome or we should know what's 12 going on. 13 I just want to make it clear for the 14 record that not all Freeholders get all information 15 like that because I think that department heads and 16 the department staffs do their due diligence. They 17 submit whatever, all of the evidence, all of the 18 information for whatever items are on our agenda to 19 be presented and rightfully so. They're under the 20 assumption that the Freeholders have all of this 21 information and maybe they're thinking in their 22 heads, why are the Freeholders asking these 23 questions we submitted everything? 24 When in reality not all Freeholders have 25 everything within their packet so not every
Page 23 1 the jail structure is made out of rebar and 2 concrete. We have to put for lack of a better word 3 a beacon in every single cell. There are over 768 4 cells which requires an intensive project. 5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Thank you. 6 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you, 7 Mr. Edwards. Freeholder Torres. 8 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Yes. Real quick. 9 This is questions on the agenda before the public, 10 right? 11 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Yes, sir. 12 FREEHOLDER TORRES: So for the record 13 I just had a question as far as is there any 14 specific reason why there is not a universal agenda 15 for all of the Freeholders? 16 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Who is the	Page 25 1 Freeholder is informed what's going to the public 2 and just to be very clear on the record with some 3 examples if you look at sometimes when we're voting 4 on things from Health and Human Services, Director 5 Toon will give us a memo and give us a breakdown of 6 some things that are within that item. And 7 sometimes we have questions are just general 8 questions that are not in the memo that the 9 Freeholders have backup information that we can read 10 and review. 11 There is cases where departments are 12 applying for grants. We get a huge packet of 13 information on the full grant application, entailing 14 what they're applying for, what it is for, what the 15 money is for, et cetera, but then for some items 16 especially when it comes to purchasing items, we 17 don't get any backup, and we don't get any

Page 26 1 the information, and I think it's just better if we 2 have more play here and make sure that all 3 Freeholders have all the information given in their 4 packet to make clear decisions, ask questions and be 5 able to move forward smoothly with meetings and with 6 any information that they have to inform their 7 constituency or the public. 8 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Do you want to 9 e-mail the Administration after? 10 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Excuse me? 11 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Have you e-mailed 12 the Administration your concerns? 13 FREEHOLDER TORRES: I asked that back 14 several years ago as far as why don't we get the 15 full details, and that caused a whole fiasco because 16 I was simply asking for us to hold up on an item for 17 a month so we can get the full contract and full 18 information. So last time I asked for anything, 19 it's always gone as if I am a horrible individual 20 who is just trying to bust chops when I'm actually 21 use trying to do my job that I would like to do. 22 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: We don't believe 23 that, Freeholder. 24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I'm not going to 25 let you take that title away.	Page 28 1 just forgot to put it, it got lost in translation. 2 I don't know. So we have to be as conscious as you 3 can. 4 MR. ANTUN: Because when it leaves my 5 office, I don't know what happens. I'm not one that 6 handles that. It leaves my office and it goes 7 there. Now again, could that happen where somehow 8 when it got to the Law Department, and then it got 9 down to Al Santos, could -- something could have 10 been not copied? It could happen, yes. But you 11 know when it's brought to my attention, I provide 12 the information. 13 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I don't disagree. 14 Anytime I've ever requested for more information 15 from you, there isn't a meeting that goes by that I 16 don't, right? 17 MR. ANTUN: That's true. 18 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: You have always 19 provided and provided it in a timely manner. I have 20 no explanation from that perspective. I agree with 21 that, Freeholder. 22 FREEHOLDER TORRES: What I'm asking 23 is for example, we have items within Purchasing. No. 24 15. And I remember one of my first meetings, and I 25 had asked a question regarding office supplies, it
Page 27 1 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: We can discuss it 2 at the Chairman's meeting next week. Thank you, 3 sir. 4 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, to let you 5 know, I provide all of the backup information. It's 6 copied by the law department. We bring it down to 7 the Clerk's office, and then the Clerk has been 8 scanning all of the documents and sending them to 9 the Freeholders. Are there times when maybe 10 something got missed? Yeah, it does happen. But if 11 it's brought to my attention, I provide it. 12 Whatever anyone has asked for information, we 13 provide it. And we agree, Freeholder, that is your 14 job. We're not offended with the questions and any 15 requests that you make to us. 16 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I think the point,	Page 29 1 was a considerable amount, and I just didn't 2 understand what it's all about because we didn't 3 have any backup information related to what 4 specifically were the office supplies. If it was a 5 dollars amount that we had some backup related to 6 it, I would have more of an understanding, okay, 7 we're spending such-and-such dollar amount. 8 So in those cases typically we don't get 9 full backup and full information. That's kind of 10 where I'm trying to get a clear picture, if it is 11 something that we can moving forward, possibly all 12 of Freeholders, to get full details on all of those 13 items. 14 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: And sometimes 15 vehicle are purchased, and they don't necessarily 16 tell us who the vehicles are assigned for. We 17 literally kind of, you know, squeeze that

Page 30 1 minutes when discussing agenda items and five 2 minutes at the conclusion of the meeting when 3 discussing matters of public interest. 4 This meeting is both in-person and video 5 zoom we will begin with if there are persons in the 6 chamber who wish speak one at a time, please 7 remember to limit your comments to five minutes on 8 agenda items only. 9 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Seeing none in 10 the chambers. I will now proceed with the virtual 11 attendees. Please use the raise your hand icon. 12 And we'll begin with Mr. Patrick Toussaint. 13 MR. TOUSSAINT: Can you hear me? 14 THE CLERK: Yes. 15 MR. TOUSSAINT: Thank you very much, 16 everybody, for your time, Freeholders. Really 17 appreciate the opportunity to be heard on the agenda 18 items. I have a couple of comments to make. First, 19 I just wanted to thank Freeholder Cifelli and 20 Freeholder O'Dea for the line of questioning that 21 you had earlier this week. I really appreciate your 22 intent to really get at what was going with each of 23 the agenda items. There's a couple of things that I 24 still have questions about and would love to 25 understand a little bit more about what they are.	Page 32 1 making more investments in our communities and our 2 schools. We could be using that \$219,000 for other 3 purposes. 4 And the last item here is the tear gas, 5 the \$34,000 for tear gas, I do know that this is 6 something that's been rejected twice before. I come 7 on during the middle of the session with you guys on 8 the second time that this was on where this was also 9 rejected, and I would just hope that you guys will 10 continue reinforce the will of the public here and 11 continue to reject this item. Just in short, we 12 would love to continue to see that idea of Hudson 13 County as a progressive community. 14 Freeholder O'Dea, to your point about the 15 fact that this County was second in the nation to 16 introduce a living wage ordinance, I think this 17 County has the opportunity to be the first in the 18 nation to pursue many other progressive policies 19 that would improve the quality of life of residents 20 here without having to continue to throw additional 21 money towards law enforcement, which is also getting 22 the lion's share of the budget. 23 I know that was a lot. Really would 24 appreciate additional information on the Wi-Fi I 25 would hope that both the Sheriff's vehicles and on
Page 31 1 So the first thing is the Wi-Fi. First I 2 really appreciate the explanation with the 3 administrator on the purpose of the Wi-Fi. I think 4 that is an incredible use for it, and really just 5 good thing to have. My other than question is 6 whether that cost still seems right. After speaking 7 with individuals who are familiar with this type of 8 work, it still seems like a relatively excessive 9 contract. And I would just hope that you guys are 10 continuing to do your due diligence in making sure 11 we're getting the best deal for that. 12 The other thing that I want to understand 13 is how much of the cost these services are going to 14 be to the folks who are in detention. My 15 understanding is that there is a cost to them for 16 being able to use it, and I would hope it would be 17 reasonable, from a balance to them. That's my	Page 33 1 the tear gas that these Freeholders will vote no on 2 them. 3 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you for 4 your comments and concerns. 5 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Mr. Chair, can I 6 ask a question? 7 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: You're going to 8 take up the gentleman's five minutes. 9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Can you answer the 10 questions specifically I guess on programs, but even 11 more critical, the issues raised whether or not the 12 individuals, the detainees and the inmates will have 13 to pay for any use for that. Can you clarify that? 14 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: That was my 15 question. 16 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Okay. Thank you, 17 Freeholder. Mr. Edwards.

Page 34 1 might be a cost associated. Telemedicine, their 2 programs: Integrity House, religious programming, 3 none of that would be charged. 4 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: You know, I would 5 hope that we don't charge them at all. An argument, 6 Ron, is that you answer a question, and I can tell 7 from your answer that you're not telling me the 8 whole truth, and I've got to ask you another 9 question. 10 DIRECTOR EDWARDS: Freeholder, if 11 that's the way it was perceived by you, that's not 12 correct and that's not my intent. All the programs 13 are free, and we're exploring the possibility of 14 movies. If it's the Freeholder's -- if it's the 15 decision not to charge them for movies, it's a 16 nonissue. 17 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Well, if you show 18 a movie in a room, before COVID if the inmates on 19 the interior, did you charge it to the room when 20 they went for that movie? 21 DIRECTOR EDWARDS: No. 22 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Or the T.V. room 23 while they were watching television in the T.V. 24 room, would you charge them? 25 DIRECTOR EDWARDS: No, Freeholder.	Page 36 1 other programs or benefits such as movies or like 2 Freeholder O'Dea was saying, like separate 3 television like streaming, then we'll explore that. 4 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Getting to the 5 resolution that's before us tonight, the 6 \$1.7 million to install Wi-Fi, that's just the 7 hardware, that has nothing to do with the movies or 8 anything else, right? 9 DIRECTOR EDWARDS: Not the movies. 10 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: But that's just 11 the Wi-Fi hardware and the basic talk to my 12 families, talk to my attorney, talk to my doctor, 13 right? 14 DIRECTOR EDWARDS: Yes. 15 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: So there's no 16 significant -- there is no cost whatsoever to the 17 detainees or inmates on any of that service? 18 DIRECTOR EDWARDS: Correct, 19 Freeholder. 20 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: All right. 21 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you very 22 much. Who is that walker? Go ahead, Freeholder 23 Walker. 24 FREEHOLDER WALKER: Ron, I just want 25 to ask you something. The capability of Wi-Fi, one
Page 35 1 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Can I ask a 2 stupid -- I shouldn't say stupid. There is no such 3 thing as a stupid question. I have a question about 4 that. So as I understand it all of the basic use, 5 whether it's telemedicine and speaking to attorneys 6 or speaking with their family members, that's no 7 charge whatsoever, right? That's right, correct? 8 DIRECTOR EDWARDS: Right, Freeholder. 9 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: So the question 10 is movies, okay, so because of COVID I'm located in, 11 and I'm in my individual I'll use the word cell. I 12 don't know if it's politically correct to use that 13 word, but if I'm in my cell and I want to watch a 14 movie, and the next cell want to watch the same 15 movie, do we charge like four times for the same 16 movies? Is there a communal theater or rec center	Page 37 1 of the things that I'm an advocate for is education. 2 Could we use it for remote learning or getting the 3 GED or getting an associates degree or anything of 4 that nature? I know that if they come out with a 5 better education, we're supposed to rehab too, so if 6 they come out of that place a better person, I 7 have been an advocate for different things like 8 that. 9 DIRECTOR EDWARDS: Yes, Freeholder. 10 That's the first programs that we're going to 11 establish. Right before COVID had hit, Corrections 12 was in talks with Hudson County Community College 13 and other organizations to bring this to the 14 facility itself. This is the way that we have to 15 continue, online, trying to prepare those 16 individuals to receive their high school diploma, 17 GED and other courses that are necessary for them.

Page 38 1 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Chief Ferrante 2 from Hoboken is trying to get on. 3 THE CLERK: I have Chief Ferrante, 4 Chief Geisler, so if you want them first? 5 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: No, no. Santos, 6 call the next speaker. 7 THE CLERK: Katia Oltmann. 8 MS. OLTMANN: Can you hear me? 9 THE CLERK: Yes. 10 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Go ahead, ma'am. 11 MS. OLTMANN: Hello. I live in 12 Jersey City, Journal Square, and I've come here 13 today to urge the Commissioners to vote no on the 14 Agenda Items 15G, 15A and 20A. Last night the 15 Jersey City Council accepted a \$1.7 million grant 16 from the Homeland Security department, for CCTV, 17 geospatial infrastructure, maintenance and lot of 18 other technology. The grant also includes \$550,000 19 for active shooter training and equipment, and I 20 think it's a sign that Hudson County is already 21 spending enough money. 22 The shooting of Officer Seals being 23 mentioned, the tragic shooting in December, 24 authorities say no application money is ever enough. 25 But as ABC news reported in December 2019, there was	Page 40 1 to the purchases of vehicle for the Sheriff's Office 2 which is 16A, as well as 15G. The Sheriff's office 3 was asked by Freeholder Cifelli to make to the 4 lowest bar of accountability and transparency and 5 just promise not to use chemical weapons against 6 protestors, and they couldn't even do that. They 7 don't seem to recognize the oversight, and they're 8 less transparent than other law enforcement agencies 9 in Hudson County and as we just heard, there is 10 actually a number of things because just about every 11 municipality in the County polices their own police 12 force. 13 The State of New Jersey releases use of 14 force statistics for all of the municipal police 15 forces, but there are no public use of force records 16 for the County Sheriff's office, and we've heard in 17 from the caucus meeting, the Sheriff's office has 18 their own SWAT team, so clearly have the ability to 19 use force, but we don't get to hear about it. And 20 they're one of four SWAT teams in the County, 21 including another County-wide SWAT team. So there 22 is plenty of redundancy. 23 So right now unless the Sheriff's Office 24 takes major steps to demonstrate its transparently 25 and accountability to the people of the County. I
Page 39 1 six other police departments aside from three county 2 Sheriff's departments that responded to the 3 shooting, the JCPD, the New Jersey State Police, the 4 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the FBI and 5 the Port Authority Police Department. The County 6 government is spending way too much money on police. 7 With incidents like Breonna Taylor's murder, if we 8 leave police to police themselves, they're often the 9 ones who are dangerous. That is why I really urge 10 the Commissioners to vote no on the new vehicles for 11 the Sheriff's Office and no on tear gas for the SWAT 12 team. 13 On Agenda Item 20A, internet for everyone 14 held in Hudson County seems good, the price just 15 seems outrageously high. So I urge the 16 Commissioners to vote no on all of these items. I	Page 41 1 wouldn't trust the Sheriff's office with a pair of 2 tweezers, nevermind something as deadly as an SUV 3 and certainly not chemical weapons. I don't trust 4 the Sheriff's office, and I won't until they give me 5 a reason to do so because right now what's 6 happening, they're effectively no different than 7 holding a gun to the head of the people of Hudson 8 County and saying you can trust us because we 9 haven't pulled the trigger yet. 10 And that's something that changes with a 11 gesture of good faith and willingness to show 12 transparency and accountability. I will 13 wholeheartedly oppose every single spending request 14 made by the Sheriff's office on today's agenda and 15 on every agenda going forward. 16 Also just to a quick note on the purchase 17 of Wi-Fi for the County jail, the number that I

Page 42 1 to. I can yield the remainder of my time. 2 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you very 3 much sir. Mr. Clerk. 4 THE CLERK: Next speak is Amy Torres. 5 Where is Ms. Torres? I lost her. Oh, there she is. 6 Ms. Torres, can you hear us? 7 MS. TORRES: Can you hear me? Before 8 I began it seems like there was some questions from 9 the previous speaker that were unaddressed. 10 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Do you have a 11 comment on agenda items, ma'am? 12 MS. TORRES: I do, but it seems like 13 there were questions from the previous speakers that 14 were unaddressed. 15 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: I don't think 16 there were. I don't think they were questions. Go 17 ahead for your time. 18 MS. TORRES: I also want to speak to 19 the Wi-Fi purchases. I appreciate some of the 20 clarity that was offered about the intent of what 21 programs would be available once Wi-Fi is provided 22 throughout the facility I did want to ask a few 23 questions. One is there was a mention that all of 24 the potential services would be provided for free 25 when you're talking about movies, telehealth,	Page 44 1 of other purchases to bolster various law 2 enforcement agencies across the County. I want to 3 question who all of this is going to service, 4 because how it appears to me is that Hudson County 5 is sort of vying for this prized seat for the State 6 contract and Federal contract for detention and 7 incarceration, that Hudson County sees itself as 8 being very kindly placed for federal dollars 9 especially if ICE tries to remove people from places 10 in New York City and across New York state and house 11 them here, and I worry about all of these purchases 12 are making the facility seem more attractive for 13 those regional state dollars or those regional 14 federal dollars and then no services actually that 15 are disclosed. 16 And you know I love the idea bringing ESL 17 classes. I love the idea of telehealth services but 18 those all come at a premium too. They come at a 19 cost and without the state -- without the County 20 really thinking through how you're going to provide 21 for them, I don't think that you should be voting in 22 this purchase at all because it's just going to burn 23 a hole in the budget. In past meetings you voted 24 for storage for rent and surveillance on purchases 25 that you've made in the past and you're not using.
Page 43 1 medicine, counseling services, connections with 2 family. How is the County planning to provide for 3 those costs because as I understand the agenda item, 4 is it just for installation and hardware purchases, 5 so how does the county plan to provide for those 6 costs? 7 Two, I think that if people who are 8 detained need to pay for it themselves out of 9 pocket, what is the current rate of pay that the 10 County is giving to people who are detained? And 11 then my final question on that, if there is some 12 sort of pay per content or pay per minute or pay per 13 hour mechanism that the County intends to use going 14 forward because again, I understand this agenda item 15 is just for hardware an installation, where is that 16 revenue going to go toward, how and how will you 17 identify how for the increase cost for streaming and	Page 45 1 There is such a surplus that you need to store them. 2 I urge to sell those off before you even consider 3 these purchases. If you have so much that you need 4 to keep this in storage and under surveillance, get 5 rid of them, or just get rid of the jail entirely. 6 There is no reason that our County should 7 be spending this amount of money on these purchases, 8 you have more than you can possibly use already. 9 That's really the remainder of my comments. The 10 rest will be addressed in the public comment 11 portion. Thank you. 12 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you very 13 much, ma'am. 14 MS. TORRES: But I do have some 15 questions, and I do want those addressed before the 16 next people answer. 17 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: What question do

Page 46 1 was the County going to make up those costs? 2 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Mr. 3 Administrator. 4 MS. TORRES: And the cost for things 5 like telemedicine and programming. Where is all the 6 money going to come from? Why it is not on the 7 agenda item? 8 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Let us start 9 answering your questions. 10 MS. TORRES: You asked me to go over 11 the questions. 12 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Let us start 13 answering your questions before you five minutes is 14 up. Mr. Administrator. 15 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, program 16 content is already there. It's not adding anything. 17 We have those services there now. What this will 18 allow them to do is the inmate can remain in the 19 cell without moving around so we can manage any 20 outbreaks, and this is provided over the Wi-Fi into 21 the cell with the tablets that they have. So the 22 program already exists. The services already 23 exists. It's just a matter of providing the 24 information to the inmates through the tablet. 25 MS. TORRES: Sir, does that mean that	Page 47 1 folks that are detained will no longer have access 2 to congregate or time out of their cell, and 3 everybody will be offered within the cell? 4 MR. ANTUN: Ma'am, it's an option 5 because there were instances where the jail had to 6 be locked down, and we couldn't provide the 7 services. But yes, if there is no more pandemic, 8 then they can come out of the cell, and they can 9 still provide. You can go to the different areas as 10 you deem appropriate. 11 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I assume they 12 could additionally access classes, evening classes 13 with the college, other programs and other -- 14 Mr. Administrator, I just want to ask Director 15 Edwards. Director Edwards, if you don't have the 16 answer now, then just get us the answer. Online, 17 what items outside of movies or Netflix that would
Page 48 1 with Hudson County Community College to provide 2 teachers online teaching. The County Administrator 3 was correct. All these programs exist now, and all 4 they're going to use is the tablets as a mechanism 5 to get the information and from the detainee or 6 inmate. 7 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: If we use your 8 example, if we contracted with the college to 9 provide us two, three, four teachers for different 10 items, that would just be the cost for the teacher. 11 We're not going to have a cost per tablet or cost 12 per individual that's going to tie into that. We're 13 going to have to pay whatever the cost is we 14 negotiate for the professor? 15 DIRECTOR EDWARDS: Correct, 16 Freeholder. We have a list of other programs that 17 we wanted to look into into the future -- 18 MS. TORRES: Is that included on the 19 agenda item? 20 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: What is the 21 question to Mr. Edwards? 22 DIRECTOR EDWARDS: Is that a separate 23 cost from what's included in this agenda item? 24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes, the 25 professors in the college, of course, we have to do	Page 49 1 a separate contract for it. I don't need Director 2 Edwards to answer that question. It's an easy 3 enough question. 4 The other questions that were there 5 concerning the compensation that individuals get for 6 work performed at the facility, that is another 7 question that wasn't answered. 8 DIRECTOR EDWARDS: Inmate workers get 9 two dollars a day. 10 (Unintelligible simultaneous 11 speaking.) 12 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Hold on. 13 Mr. Santos, how much time? 14 THE CLERK: The time has lapsed for 15 the speaker. Okay. 16 FREEHOLDER C'PELLI: How about 17 answering her questions?

Page 50 1 answer, it's two dollars a day is the last thing I 2 heard. My question is, does that go to them, or 3 does that go through the commissary privileges? How 4 does that work? I don't know. 5 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Do you want to 6 answer that? 7 DIRECTOR EDWARDS: That goes into the 8 commissary account. 9 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Freeholder 10 Torres, do you have a question? 11 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Just to be clear 12 I know the other question was regarding the services 13 within the -- that are within the contracts with the 14 proprietors that we already have within the 15 facility. Due to the pandemic, they were required 16 to do telemedicine services so that would not be an 17 additional cost, per se. That was on an add-on 18 service that was required of them because of the 19 pandemic and the restrictions. 20 The biggest issue that I know, I've been 21 talking to you since April, was the fact that a lot 22 of folks within the facility have not been available 23 to receive the services because of the providers not 24 allowing their staff to come in, or us trying to 25 prevent someone coming into the facility and	Page 52 1 question, ma'am. 2 MS. LITTLE: 16A, my understanding 3 watching caucus meeting on Tuesday the defensive 4 technology, the tear gas grenades that was voted 5 down last month as well as previously, I'm confused 6 and disturbed to see these purchases continue to pop 7 right back up on the meeting agendas. As I'm sure 8 your aware, tear gas is banned in warfare as of the 9 Geneva protocol. It targets the lungs and makes 10 people more vulnerable to respiratory diseases. 11 This past summer watching police 12 departments across the country use tear gas against 13 protesters exercising their First Amendment right, 14 as well as Donald Trump ordering to tear gas use to 15 clear protesters for a photo op, I believe as do 16 many others including fellow human rights activists 17 that we should be moving away from using chemical 18 weapons such as tear gas on civilians. 19 (Unintelligible simultaneous 20 speaking.) 21 THE CLERK: Please mute yourself. 22 MS. LITTLE: I am glad you all are 23 enjoying doughnuts and apple cider. Anyway, I urge 24 the Freeholders vote no again this month on the tear 25 gas purchase, and I'm frustrated that continues to
Page 51 1 spreading to the providers, to the inmates and other 2 individuals, staffing, et cetera. Just to clarify 3 there is not an additional cost to provide the 4 telehealth or telemedicine services. That would 5 just be an alternative program provided by providers 6 that we already pay. 7 DIRECTOR EDWARDS: That's correct, 8 Freeholder. 9 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you very 10 much. Mr. Clerk. 11 THE CLERK: The next speaker is 12 Elcana Little. 13 MS. LITTLE: Hi, can you hear me? 14 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: We hear you. Go 15 ahead. 16 MS. LITTLE: Thank you so much. My 17 name is Elcana Little and I'm a resident of Jersey	Page 53 1 show up on the agenda. 2 I also appreciate the discussion by 3 several Freeholders during the caucus meeting with 4 Freeholder Cifelli leading the line the questioning. 5 I wonder if it's really necessary to have four 6 overlapping SWAT teams, several of which have 7 overlapping membership and jurisdiction, or whether 8 it would be a smarter and more efficient use of 9 public resources to eliminate either the 10 Prosecutor's Office SWAT team or the Sheriff's 11 Office SWAT team and consolidate. Like Freeholder 12 Walker said, it's a little convoluted. 13 I would also like to speak on 20A, the 14 jail Wi-Fi, and I would just urge the County to 15 double check this amount. I am not specifically 16 familiar with this field, but people who are 17 familiar with this field are saving this amount is

Page 54 1 whether it is the best use of our CARES act funding. 2 MS. LITTLE: Thank you so much, and I 3 yield the rest of my time. 4 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you very 5 much, ma'am. I appreciate it. 6 THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, the next 7 speakers are Chief Ken Ferrante and Chief Geisler. 8 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Chief Ferrante 9 you there? Try to get him on, Freshholder Romano. 10 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: He's trying to get 11 on the line. He appears on the Zoom. 12 THE CLERK: Chief Geisler? 13 CHIEF GEISLER: Chief Geisler from 14 Bayonne. President of the Hudson County Chiefs 15 Association. First off, thank you for allowing me 16 to speak tonight. Thank you for your continued 17 support of law enforcement throughout Hudson County. 18 I would like to give you some of my thoughts on the 19 less lethal force options. I can speak personally 20 for Bayonne. 21 Bayonne, they don't have their own SWAT 22 units, and we rely on the Hudson County Regional 23 SWAT team for their assistance when we have those 24 instances that require them. The officers who are 25 assigned to that SWAT unit are the most highly	Page 56 1 officer and placing the officer in range of the 2 subject's weapon. So that's where these less lethal 3 force options come into play because the last thing 4 we ever want to do and the last thing any officer 5 ever wants to do is have to use deadly force. 6 Deadly force has many negative connotations and 7 negative -- far-reaching negative effects so it will 8 affect the subject upon whom the force is used, 9 along with their family members. It will negatively 10 affect the officer who uses force, and obviously, 11 it's going to negatively affect the community once 12 the deadly force is used. 13 So it's imperative that we give officers 14 every possible option to affect a remedy of the 15 situation prior to having to use deadly force. So 16 if you think about it logically, why would you take 17 away a less lethal force option from the officer and 18 require him to use deadly force in an instance where 19 he may not need to? So just again, keep other 20 levels of force that an officer may use on the 21 use-of-force continuum, those officers are governed 22 by laws as well as policies and procedures to ensure 23 that these options are used properly. 24 I would hate to see a situation in which a 25 officer authorized to use deadly force and does so
Page 55 1 trained officers when it comes to weapons and 2 tactics. So many times these officers are called 3 upon to resolve some of the most dangerous 4 situations in law enforcement, such as armed 5 barricaded suspects, hostage situations, and armed 6 suicidal individuals who refuse to put down their 7 weapons. In these situations less lethal force 8 options along with those specialized tactics and 9 training to help resolve the problems while reducing 10 the potential for death or serious injury to all 11 involved, meaning both the subject as well as the 12 officers on the scene. 13 So without these less lethal force 14 options, we're limited to how an officer can respond 15 in those situations. So the officer, the first 16 thing he has in those instances is his voice, right? 17 But many times when we're dealing with mentally	Page 57 1 and takes a life, and this life could have been 2 preserved had the officer had the ability to use a 3 less lethal force option. That would be a horrible 4 situation. For the families, for the officer, and 5 for the community. So I just ask that you please 6 take this into consideration when making your 7 decision, and I encourage you to vote yes on the 8 less lethal force options. I thank you all for your 9 time, and have a good evening. 10 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you, Chief, 11 appreciate your service. 12 THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, Keith 13 Ferrante is calling from a different number so -- 14 CHIEF FERRANTE: Can you hear me? 15 THE CLERK: Yes. 16 CHIEF FERRANTE: Thank you. I'm 17 sorry for that. Okay. Good evening, ladies and

Page 58 1 Hudson County Regional SWAT. In the past few 2 months, we have seen many comments about how police 3 disburse protests, what type of ammunition is used, 4 what type of tactics, and I will get to that in a 5 couple minutes. I first want to talk about my 6 experience firsthand on June 5th. June 5th in the 7 City of Hoboken, we had the largest protest debate 8 in the state of New Jersey. We had over 10,000 9 protestors, with many threats that we received in 10 the 48 hours prior. We had a total of 750 officers 11 in total ready to keep the City as safe as possible. 12 And we went through three phases. Phase 13 one was with many crisis intervention officers 14 community policing officers. We had a 150 boots on 15 the ground to start that. What we were ready to go 16 to and fortunately did not have to go to, we had a 17 phase two, with SU teams with 15 to 20 agencies from 18 the state. And then we had a phase three with SWAT 19 teams were ready for that worst case scenario. Why 20 did we have a worst-case scenario plan? Because 21 what you saw in that weekend of protests were police 22 precincts being burned down around the country. 23 officer being shot at. Molotov cocktails being 24 thrown at officers, nothing that resembled a 25 peaceful protest, and we had to be ready for that.	Page 60 1 Two weeks ago on early Friday morning, we 2 had a shooting suspect that was a Hoboken resident 3 that shot someone up in Union City. The Hudson 4 County Regional SWAT team, the Union City Police 5 Department, the Hoboken Police Department worked 6 together, and the SWAT team went in and safely took 7 that person into custody, once again, no injury to 8 that defendant, which has been the hundred percent 9 result since we've utilized SWAT since 2017. I 10 called Prosecutor Suarez that day, and that's 11 probably the third time I've told her because we use 12 it in Hoboken, that's her best initiative to date 13 was that creation of that Hudson County Regional 14 SWAT team. 15 Going back to protests, we've been very 16 fortunate in New Jersey, except for a couple 17 incidents in Asbury Park, Trenton and Atlantic City, 18 almost all of them have been peaceful, but when you 19 look around the country, not all the protests and 20 protestors are law-abiding citizens. There have 21 been terrible situations maybe created by 22 professionals and that go to create the riot. When 23 those Molotov cocktails are thrown at officers, when 24 officers are shot like the two that were shot in 25 Lexington, Kentucky last night, when there is police
Page 59 1 The less than lethal ammunition was ready 2 to be used if it was needed. Less than lethal ammo 3 is about saving lives. It is not deadly force. It 4 is to be used in place of deadly force, and when 5 this is used, when this type of power or ammunition 6 is used, there is oversight. There is oversight by 7 our County Prosecutor. There is oversight by our 8 chiefs of police. It was my responsibility on June 9 5th, that everything went smoothly. When it is used 10 and someone is usually hurt, we have the oversight 11 of the Attorney General's office who comes in 12 whenever someone is injured at the hands the police. 13 Since SWAT's inception three years ago, it 14 has resulted in multiple examples of safe 15 apprehensions. And who was it safe for? Yes, it is 16 safe for the officers, it was safe for the civilians 17 and most importantly, it was safe for the protestors	Page 61 1 precincts being attempted to be burned down, some of 2 which unfortunately have been successful, and what 3 continues to be happening at times a mile east of 4 where I'm sitting in my office right now in the City 5 of New York, we need to be ready to take it on every 6 way possible. 7 Officers in those situations have the 8 legal authority in the state of New Jersey to use 9 deadly force when they are being faced with deadly 10 forces on them or other citizens. What this does 11 tonight if you approve this, it creates something 12 that's more peaceful. It's something that's less 13 than lethal. Please, tonight think about all the 14 options. Think about the trust that you have in 15 police executives and the County Prosecutor. And 16 please go forward and past getting this non-deadly 17 force. This less than lethal force was necessary for the

Page 62 1 MR. LUKOWITZ: This is Jeff Lukowitz 2 from West New York. Much like speakers on the 3 agenda items today, I'm actually happy to follow 4 some of the white shirts that just spoke. You know, 5 everyone since the COVID crisis, folks in this 6 community have enough going on in their lives. Most 7 of them are struggling day to day to feed their 8 children, figure out how to school them, figure out 9 childcare costs. People who lost their jobs are 10 thinking how they're going to pay for medical bills, 11 even if they're lucky enough to have insurance. 12 I work with other organizers in the County 13 on the ground taking the food and the critical 14 resources to people's homes throughout the County. 15 And that's without State help. I understand that 16 you might be disconnected from our community. 17 They're hurting worse while you're away, and you 18 have fundraisers or whatever. But just listen to 19 us, right? I look to 22 -- 220,000 for vehicles or 20 34K for tear gas, pouring \$2 million into a prison 21 that could be closed, right? I think the Wi-Fi 22 program is great and intentions, you know, seem pure 23 and very beneficial, but you could also just close 24 the prison and still provide those individuals with 25 those same things to not like leave the room, right?	Page 64 1 resources. Provide them with housing, rather than 2 give someone a choice of bullets over another. I 3 remember listening to Cifelli on Trump before the 4 last Freeholder call. I remember speaking out 5 against the ICE contracts two years, and Freeholder 6 Walker asked people why we're not fighting enough 7 for the black community that's disproportionately 8 incarcerated in Hudson County. 9 And we are going to get to the ICE 10 contract specifically. I remember when I read an 11 article about how you would rather take on prisoners 12 from another county in order to maintain the revenue 13 instead of ending the ICE contract and closing the 14 prison. The prison has never been more empty. 15 You've never had more reasons to not spend more on 16 these overlapping police departments. Reject all of 17 the expenditures. Close the prisons. It's pretty 18 simple. I yield the rest of my time. 19 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you, sir. 20 I appreciate it. 21 THE CLERK: Next speaker is Chief 22 Peter Fasilis. 23 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Chief, you're on, 24 sir. 25 CHIEF FASILIS: Can you hear me?
Page 63 1 How many times do you have to hear that 2 budgets are law documents, right? You have 3 socialists on this call telling you to cut back on 4 big government spending, redirecting to things that 5 have degenerative waste, right? This spending is an 6 example of what Wilson Duhorn (?) refers to as the 7 politician by the benefit of the communities, right? 8 The whole country is watching as police forces 9 continue to militarize, collaborate with white power 10 militias, exonerate themselves from accountability, 11 cause civil review boards, attack protestors on the 12 street for being attacked in their homes. 13 I've seen elected officials focus more on 14 incarceration than meeting the community's needs. 15 These uprising you're seeing occurring around 16 everywhere in the country are directly caused by the 17	Page 65 1 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: We hear you, sir. 2 Good evening, Freeholder. 3 CHIEF FASILIS: This is the Chief of 4 North Bergen. Thank you for allowing me some time 5 to speak. Let me just give you a brief background 6 of my career. I'm a 22-year veteran of law 7 enforcement; graduate of Rutgers School of 8 Management, hold a criminal justice degree from 9 NJCU; certified public manager, accredited command 10 executive through NJSACOP, federal police academy 11 instructor for about ten years now, certified 12 instructing on many front, and I have an extensive 13 background in SWAT as well. 14 I served as a member of the North Bergen 15 Police Department's Emergency Services Unit, and I 16 worked through the ranks to become its Chief 17 Commander. I was also the co-chair of the Hudson

1 shoulders and good background in SWAT. I don't know
 2 everything, but I can tell you that the law
 3 enforcement officials and elected officials have
 4 picked my brain throughout my career for things
 5 related to SWAT. And as a chief, you have two
 6 separate sets of obligations. You have things from
 7 the local SWAT, and they also want somebody who
 8 understands liability and crisis management. Let me
 9 go back a few years. And before I became chief, I
 10 convinced my former chief, Billy Galvin to expand
 11 our SWAT team.

12 And why I asked is because quietly, I
 13 didn't feel they were adequately trained. They
 14 didn't have enough resources to deploy our team, you
 15 know, to incidents, and I feared for the safety of
 16 our officers and general public, and you know, I
 17 convinced him to expand the team. So fast forward
 18 to Sunday, February 5th, 2017, at two a.m., officers
 19 in my department were involved in a shootout with a
 20 lone individual. We were in the course of a police
 21 investigation. It turned into an armed barricaded
 22 suspect in a very densely populated residential area
 23 in West New York, and some people saw him with a
 24 handgun, an assault rifle, equipped with a huge
 25 hundred round magazine.

1 created— we did research and digitalization was the
 2 way to go. As the two chiefs said, law enforcement
 3 officers, they bear immense responsibility to
 4 determine whether or not force is necessary in a
 5 particular situation, and if it's necessary, force
 6 should be respected. And the cost of making
 7 mistakes is very high. So in order to avoid the
 8 need to resort to lethal force where it's
 9 unnecessary, we have to give officers effective less
 10 lethal means. More than importantly, we also have
 11 to train them in their use.

12 So we're not taking away the fact that
 13 there have been some unfortunate cases where they
 14 used weapons improperly, and sometimes it leads to
 15 serious injury and even death, but we know it's the
 16 exception and it's not the norm. So I hope we can
 17 at least all agree here that less lethal weapons can
 18 prevent and minimize death and injuries.

19 What we have here is a SWAT team that it
 20 was an incredibly difficult selection process, and
 21 we made it hard because we didn't want just anybody
 22 to be a member. We needed somebody who can get
 23 physical, that they had their physical fitness, but
 24 there were mental requirements because they have to
 25 make decisions, not good decisions, but they have to

1 The responding officers including myself

2 had handguns so you can imagine our initial
 3 responding personnel were ill-equipped. We called
 4 up and nobody in the County was available. So we
 5 had to go outside the County, and we contacted
 6 Bergen County Regional SWAT, and they deployed
 7 within minutes of calling them. Fast forward, after
 8 a 12-hour standoff, the incident was resolved, and I
 9 wanted to assure everybody that nationally
 10 99 percent of all incidents involving SWAT, they're
 11 resolved without a shot being fired.

12 In SWAT teams they don't do crowd control.
 13 They have a very specific purpose. We conducted a
 14 debriefing of the incident and there was a perfect
 15 storm that night, one of them being it was Super
 16 Bowl Sunday. And as everybody knows, phones don't

17 work. So we had to make sure that the officers had their phones on them.

1 make great decisions. Are they able to grasp
 2 concepts? Are they a team player? I want to see
 3 their disciplinary records. You know, we made it
 4 very difficult, and our threshold was quite high.
 5 We wanted to make sure that we had the best officers
 6 possible.

7 So your Honors, I just want to implore you
 8 that we should afford these officers with the
 9 equipment necessary to do their jobs, and by no
 10 means we're not trying to militarize the police.

11 It's exact opposite of what we want to do. We want
 12 to give these officers options. We want to give
 13 them less than military options. We have to give
 14 them enough to do their jobs because not every jobs
 15 requires a hammer, and I personally, I feel safer
 16 knowing that we have this team, and it's something
 17 to fall back on. Thank you, your Honors. I hope

Page 70 1 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Yes. We hear 2 you. 3 MS. DUCAS: Great. I have a comment 4 and a question. Well, first my comment. Although I 5 think it was interesting to hear from the various 6 chiefs and police that called in and heard how they 7 were describing the need for what they call less 8 deadly force. That was the comment or a phrase from 9 a perspective belief. We were preparing for this 10 purchase. We wanted to make sure the police were 11 protected. We go into the situations we want to 12 make sure the police are protected. As a reminder, 13 the purpose of the police is not to protect the 14 police. It's to protect the public. 15 So I think the most important question we 16 should be asking ourselves every time we're having a 17 conversation about what we're arming the police with 18 is how does it help protect the public, not 19 necessarily how does it help resource them as 20 entities. But my question is, I'm little unclear 21 about who this -- which entity this tear gas or any 22 of this less than lethal force would go to. I 23 understand that there is multiple SWAT teams. There 24 is a Prosecutor's SWAT. There is a County SWAT. 25 There is overlapping, multiple SWAT teams, and it	Page 71 1 seems like there's membership that shares, so who -- 2 which entities would these resources even go to, and 3 why do we have multiple SWAT teams with overlapping 4 membership? It seems like inefficient use of 5 resources. 6 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: So what is your 7 question? 8 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Gene Rubino, do 9 these go to the Prosecutor's Office, the regional 10 SWAT team? 11 MR. RUBINO: What's on the agenda 12 for -- strike that. 13 It's going to the Prosecutor's regional. 14 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: That's what I was 15 about to say. The regional SWAT team is under the 16 jurisdiction of the Prosecutor. That's what I 17 meant
Page 72 1 MS. DUCAS: That's 20,000, amount of 2 money -- then again, I wonder what's the difference 3 between those two entities. If there is an 4 overlapping membership, why not just have one 5 entity? 6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Their position is 7 that there is not. 8 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Freeholder 9 O'Dea, I would like somebody from the Administration 10 to better explain that to Ms. Ducas. Because I'm 11 confused myself. 12 MS. DUCAS: Thank you. 13 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I didn't say I 14 necessarily agree with it, I just said that their 15 position is that there is not. 16 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: No, I know. But 17 I want to hear it from them. 18 MR. ANTUN: Freeholder Cifelli, I 19 don't know if I can address that. 20 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Well, the 21 Sheriff or the Prosecutor can. 22 MR. ANTUN: You mentioned the 23 Administration. 24 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Oh, my 25 phraseology.	Page 73 1 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: We're going to 2 bring up Mr. Rubino from the Prosecutor's Office. 3 MR. RUBINO: I'm going to address 4 just the Hudson County Regional SWAT's aspect. In 5 terms -- 6 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Is the mic on, 7 AI? The microphone? Go ahead, sir. 8 MR. RUBINO: That is a County-wide 9 service. It's made up of personnel from virtually 10 every municipality with the exception of one so that 11 is a County-wide dispatch of service for major 12 incidents, barricaded suspects, hostage situations 13 and so forth. That's the design of the Hudson 14 County Regional SWAT team, okay? That's essentially 15 the question was, what's its purpose? That's the 16 purpose. 17 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Mr. Rubino.

1 question. 2 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: We understand. 3 Go ahead. We understand the question. Go ahead. 4 Sheriff. 5 UNDERSHERIFF CONTI: Okay. The 6 Sheriff's SWAT team was mandated by the State. The 7 Sheriff's office has the responsibility to protect 8 the courts, the judicial, the public, the State 9 employees and the County employees, and all of the 10 public that come into the courthouses. We are 11 mandated to maintain this SWAT team to protect and 12 respond to any incident in the courthouse. 13 You see what's going on around the 14 country. Courthouses, people have gone in there 15 with active shooters, so we have to be prepared and 16 train just like the regional SWAT team, and we are 17 not part of the regional SWAT team. We don't work 18 together. We're not the rapid deployment. That's 19 the Prosecutor's office. 20 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So Abe Antun was 21 in error when he said you were the rapid respond 22 team? 23 UNDERSHERIFF CONTI: That's right. 24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Your SWAT, okay. 25 UNDERSHERIFF CONTI: We have a	1 never. 2 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Ma'am, are you 3 still on the line? Al Santos. 4 MS. DUCAS: Yes, I'm still on the 5 line. I guess what do you need the money for if 6 it's been 17 years, we've never needed to use. Why 7 would we need to have the gear? Why not send it to 8 another unit and save resources? Why would we need 9 to deploy more resources to a unit that's never 10 needed to use it in the past 17 years? 11 UNDERSHERIFF CONTI: Because the 12 expiration of the gas -- tear gas, less lethal 13 ammunition, it expires. We have to keep replacing 14 it. And with train with other agencies. 15 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Freeholder 16 Cifelli, we're talking to the Sheriff. I'm trying 17 to get the meeting in order, please. Sheriff, we 18 hear you. 19 UNDERSHERIFF CONTI: Okay. The 20 equipment expires. It has an expiration on it. And 21 we have to replace it, and also, we use that when 22 we're trying to be prepared to protect the public. 23 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you, sir. 24 Freeholder Cifelli. 25 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: I don't know if
1 30-member team, highly trained. We train with the 2 State Police, the FBI. We have to be prepared not 3 only to protect the courts and the public, but any 4 County facility, and also any municipality, same as 5 the Prosecutor's office. The Prosecutor's office 6 response, they call us out, we help them. We help 7 every municipality. We get called to Jersey City, 8 everywhere. So we have to be ready to and have the 9 same equipment. If we can't have the equipment to 10 protect the officers, we cannot protect the public 11 and property. 12 We've been there 17 years, we've had this 13 SWAT. There's been no incidents in Hudson County, 14 and the Hudson County the Sheriff's Office prides 15 itself as being the Sheriff's office for everyone in 16 the County and anywhere else that needs our help 17 throughout the state. So that's my explanation of	1 we got and answer to the last question. 2 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: I think the 3 answer was that everything expires. That's why. 4 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: No. That wasn't 5 the question. Here's my comment about the SWAT 6 teams, which we raised at the caucus. The whole 7 subject matter of SWAT is going to have to be more 8 thoroughly discussed in a Public Safety Committee, 9 and a subsequent Freeholder meeting, but tonight 10 there is certain specific resolutions on the agenda. 11 Let's move onto those and let the speaker speak to 12 those if she has any issues. 13 THE CLERK: The speaker's time is up. 14 We're ready for our next speaker. The next speaker 15 is Mark Devens. 16 MR. DEVENS: Can you hear me? 17 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: We can hear you.

1 other. And I'm really getting mixed messages about
 2 whether the tear gas is for crowd control or not
 3 because one said they didn't do crowd control, and
 4 another said they need it in case things go wrong.
 5 Another thing is, you know, we were going to use the
 6 tear gas for deescalation training is a topic of our
 7 discussions yesterday in Jersey City. There was a
 8 contract for deescalation training for the JCPD, but
 9 the form of deescalation is not showing up to
 10 unarmed peaceful protestors with tear gas. That's
 11 not peaceful. I don't think we talk about less than
 12 lethal force, but it's still force. These are
 13 unarmed protestors. So to deescalate that situation
 14 is not show up with an Army to perform the
 15 deescalation.
 16 And again, we keep referring to less than
 17 lethal force, and we know the distinction, but tear
 18 gas is literally banned from the Geneva Convention.
 19 I know military does not use tear gas. And we are
 20 letting tonight our Sheriff's department and the
 21 regional SWAT team to purchase tear gas. And we
 22 have to keep replacing it, that's not a
 23 justification that the expiration of that tear gas
 24 does not justify continuing to purchase it. It's
 25 fine to let it expire, okay?

1 in the streets and telling you to maybe please stop
 2 doing that, you know, stop spending so much money on
 3 our different law enforcement agencies with all
 4 their new cars and their drones and their tear gas.
 5 We're all tightening our budgets right now.
 6 Personally today was my last day at my job. So you
 7 know that you should be spending these funds on
 8 things like that helping, health, employment. You
 9 know that's really all I have. Thank you.
 10 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you very
 11 much. I appreciate it.
 12 THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, there are
 13 no further hands up, so we can proceed with the
 14 consent agenda.
 15 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Yes, please.
 16 THE CLERK: So the consent agenda has
 17 been changed as follows: 11 was replaced; 21 was
 18 replaced; 26 was replaced; and 19 was removed. May
 19 I have a motion to approve all items on the consent
 20 agenda.
 21 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Motion.
 22 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Second.
 23 THE CLERK: Seconded by the Chairman.
 24 On the consent agenda.
 25 Freeholder Cedeño.

1 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you, sir.
 2 I appreciate.
 3 MR. EVANS: That's what I have to say
 4 for my five minutes.
 5 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you.
 6 Appreciate it. Mr. Clerk.
 7 THE CLERK: Our next speaker is
 8 Caitin Sherman.
 9 MS. SHERMAN: Hi. Can you hear me?
 10 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: We can hear you.
 11 Go ahead. Okay. So I was wondering first of all,
 12 who is actually responsible for putting the tear gas
 13 back on the agenda? Because when the last meetings
 14 that I had tuned into and spoke at, you all had
 15 voted against it. And I was wondering why it popped
 16 back up. The representative of the Prosecutor would
 17 not testify, would not say for sure whether or not

1 FREEHOLDER CEDAÑO: Okay. So before
 2 I vote, I just want to address Item No. 16. Based
 3 on the prior meeting that we had with both the
 4 Prosecutor and the Sheriff's department, I am
 5 satisfied with the purchases, and I know that they
 6 are necessary to replace outdated equipment to
 7 ensure all of the officers are outfitted with
 8 necessary equipment needed to do their work. In the
 9 current climate, I am comfortable with my decision.
 10 and I would not approve such purchases if I thought
 11 otherwise.
 12 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.
 13 FREEHOLDER CIFELELLI: I'm sorry. This
 14 is for me to vote now?
 15 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: You're voting.
 16 Mr. Cifelli.
 17 FREEHOLDER CIFELELLI: Aye on all

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1 double check. 16A-1 and 16A-2, I'm voting no on. 2 16A-3, I vote yay or yes on. I abstain on No. 20. 3 The rest I vote aye. 4 THE CLERK: There is no A-3, 5 Freeholder. I only see A-1 and A-2. 6 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: On the 7 resolution it says, I'm looking at it, maybe it 8 changed but I'm looking at it. 9 THE CLERK: It was replaced. 10 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: We got you, 11 Freeholder. We've got it. 12 THE CLERK: So it's no on 16, and 13 abstain on 20? 14 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes. 15 THE CLERK: Freeholder Kopacz. 16 FREEHOLDER KOPACZ: Yes. 17 THE CLERK: Freeholder O'Dea. 18 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I'm going to 19 abstain on 15G, no on 16, aye on the rest. 20 THE CLERK: Freeholder Rodriguez. 21 FREEHOLDER RODRIGUEZ: Yes on all. 22 THE CLERK: Freeholder Romano. 23 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes on all. 24 Except on No. 20, I would ask my colleagues if we 25 could just review that because of the couple	1 FREEHOLDER WALKER: Yes. 2 THE CLERK: Chairman Vainieri. 3 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Yes on all. 4 THE CLERK: All items are approved. 5 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Next order of 6 business, please. 7 THE CLERK: We have two ordinances 8 for introduction. The first is entitled Ordinance 9 amending Chapter 200, Article 8.11 of the 10 Administrative Code to establish a Reserved Handicap 11 Parking Space on John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Bayonne 12 for Karim A. Hermas. 13 Freeholder Cedeño. On introduction, 14 Freeholder Cedeño. 15 FREEHOLDER CEDEÑO: Yes. 16 THE CLERK: Cifelli. 17 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes. 18 THE CLERK: Kopacz. 19 FREEHOLDER KOPACZ: Yes. 20 THE CLERK: O'Dea. 21 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes. 22 THE CLERK: Rodriguez. 23 FREEHOLDER RODRIGUEZ: Yes. 24 THE CLERK: Romano. 25 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
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1 comments made about do we need all of it in the 2 areas that are not being used right now. I'm in 3 support of the Wi-Fi, but maybe we can modify it, 4 maybe get some advice. 5 THE CLERK: Do you vote aye on No. 6 20, Freeholder? 7 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: I vote no. 8 THE CLERK: No on 20, and aye on all 9 of the other items; is that correct? 10 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes. 11 THE CLERK: Freeholder Torres. 12 FREEHOLDER TORRES: I vote yes on 1 13 through 14. I'm going to vote no on 15 and 16; vote 14 yes on 17; vote no on 18; yes on 20. I already gave 15 my feedback during the public portion. And no on 16 21, and I'll take the feedback from the 17 Administrator and my colleagues. I'll ask for fill	1 THE CLERK: Torres. 2 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Yes. 3 THE CLERK: Walker. 4 FREEHOLDER WALKER: Yes. 5 THE CLERK: Chairman Vainieri. 6 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Yes. 7 THE CLERK: The second ordinance for 8 introduction is entitled Resolution amending Chapter 9 200, Article 24 of the Administrative Code to 10 provide for the Installation and Operation of 11 Traffic Signal Controls in the City of Hoboken on a 12 portion of Willow Avenue a County-owned Roadway 13 Freeholder Cedeño. 14 FREEHOLDER CEDEÑO: Yes. 15 THE CLERK: Cifelli. 16 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes. 17 THE CLERK: Kopacz.

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1 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Yes. 2 THE CLERK: Walker. 3 FREEHOLDER WALKER: Yes. 4 THE CLERK: Chairman Vainieri. 5 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Yes. 6 THE CLERK: There are two ordinances 7 for second reading. The first is entitled Ordinance 8 rescinding Ordinance No. 21-1-2016 and Amending 9 Chapter 200, Article 8.11 of the Administrative Code 10 to eliminate a Reserved Handicap Parking Space at 11 2672 John F. Kennedy Boulevard in the City of Jersey 12 City for Frank Urspruch. 13 This is the time fixed for public hearing 14 on this Ordinance, which was introduced at the 15 meeting of September 10th, 2020, advertised as 16 required by law together with the notice of Hearing 17 for this time. It has been posted on the 18 Freeholder's Bulletin Board and made available to 19 the general public. 20 Are there any speakers on this ordinance? 21 Please raise your hands if you wish to speak on this 22 ordinance only. 23 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Motion to close. 24 THE CLERK: Torres to close and 25 O'Dea. All in favor?		1 Intersection Markings, Bergen Turnpike in the 2 Township of North Bergen a County-owned Roadway. 3 This is the time fixed for public hearing 4 on this Ordinance, which was introduced at the 5 meeting of September 10th, 2020, advertised as 6 required by law together with the notice of Hearing 7 for this time. It has been posted on the 8 Freeholder's Bulletin Board and made available to 9 the general public. 10 Are there any speakers on this ordinance? 11 Use the raise your hand icon. Torres and Cedeño. 12 All in favor? 13 (The Board votes unanimously to close 14 the Hearing.) 15 The Hearing is closed. On final adoption, 16 Freeholder Cedeño. 17 FREEHOLDER CEDEÑO: Yes. 18 THE CLERK: Cifelli. 19 FREEHOLDER CIFEILLI: Yes. 20 THE CLERK: Kopacz. 21 FREEHOLDER KOPACZ: Yes. 22 THE CLERK: O'Dea. 23 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes. 24 THE CLERK: Rodriguez. 25 FREEHOLDER RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
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1 (The Board votes unanimously to close 2 the Hearing.) 3 The Hearing is closed. On final adoption, 4 Freeholder Cedeño. 5 FREEHOLDER CEDEÑO: Yes. 6 THE CLERK: Cifelli. 7 FREEHOLDER CIFEILLI: Yes. 8 THE CLERK: Kopacz. 9 FREEHOLDER KOPACZ: Yes. 10 THE CLERK: O'Dea. 11 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes. 12 THE CLERK: Rodriguez. 13 FREEHOLDER RODRIGUEZ: Yes. 14 THE CLERK: Romano. 15 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes. 16 THE CLERK: Torres. 17 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Yes.		1 THE CLERK: Romano. 2 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes. 3 THE CLERK: Torres. 4 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Yes. 5 THE CLERK: Walker. 6 FREEHOLDER WALKER: Yes. 7 THE CLERK: Chairman Vainieri. 8 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Yes. 9 THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, that 10 concludes the items of business on today's agenda. 11 Are there any comments from the Freeholders on the 12 business of the Board? 13 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Freeholder 14 Romano. Freeholder, go ahead. 15 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: I just -- just a 16 couple quick comments. I think just for the benefit 17 of the public with regard to the vehicles, the

Page 90 1 inmates in it, but it's interesting it's going to be 2 done throughout the whole facility where we're not 3 using it. So I would ask that just that be 4 revisited to see may be if we can save a little cost 5 in that area if possible. Thank you. 6 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Mr. Chairman. 7 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Freeholder 8 Cifelli, go ahead sir. 9 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yeah. A couple 10 of comments on the Wi-Fi. My absention should not 11 be considered as a negative on the concept. I think 12 there are significant questions that have to be 13 answered by the Administration with respect to the 14 utilization of the Wi-Fi, and I think it could be 15 very easily answered so you can put it on at the 16 next meeting. That's fine. I'm totally in favor of 17 every inmate to have access, whether it be for their 18 family, their attorneys or their doctors. That's 19 fine. I just want to -- it's a lot, a lot of money. 20 And it's a building where the census is dropping 21 drastically. But that doesn't mean that we don't 22 have fixed costs that we have to pay. But I just 23 would like a little more information. 24 With respect to my negative vote on Item 25 16, I want to believe it. I don't want to get into	Page 92 1 at the community level. It starts with us at the 2 city level and the town level, and that high level, 3 I will not. If there is a civil protest and law 4 enforcement cannot guarantee they will not use it, 5 that's what I want to know. I have every confidence 6 in our local law enforcement agencies, the 7 Prosecutor, the Sheriff, the police departments to 8 have train their personnel to deal with civil 9 protests. But when they don't guarantee that they 10 will not use it despite their competence and their 11 training on civil protestors, I cannot abide that. 12 So that's my vote, and I'm sorry that 13 people get offended by that. I'm sorry if our law 14 enforcement agencies get offended by my vote, but 15 again, I will not be forced into a binary decision. 16 It's not yes in favor of the police, and no is 17 against the police. That's not the truth. We have 18 been abused in the media by forcing us into these 19 binary choices. In a democracy, we don't make 20 binary choices. We make good judgments. And I hope 21 that my vote today will be deemed as the use of my 22 best personal judgment. Thank you. 23 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you, sir. 24 THE CLERK: Freeholder O'Dea. 25 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Thank you,
Page 91 1 a political ponying. However, I don't have -- this 2 is a binary choice. My vote should not be seen as 3 a -- I'm not going to be forced into situation where 4 I vote yes for law enforcement and no for everybody 5 else. That's not the choice. We are the good. We 6 are dealing with the obligation to make choices 7 based upon our judgment. We live in a very 8 dangerous times, very dangerous times. All I asked 9 was that this equipment be not used in a civil 10 protest scenario. I was told by law enforcement 11 they could not give that to me. And that is the 12 reason I voted against this resolution. 13 We were told by the chiefs tonight that 14 there were times when there are hostage situations, 15 there was crisis situations. I'm not voting against 16 the use of that equipment in those contexts. There 17 is a time and place for everything. My problem is	Page 93 1 Mr. Chairman. On 15G, had I gotten the information 2 that Freeholder Romano gave me, then I probably 3 would have voted for it. Not having that 4 information and reading the backup on the 5 resolution, there was no information on that. So 6 that reflects my vote on that. 7 On 16, I want to share a lot of what 8 Freeholder Cifelli said. I have been and continue 9 to be throughout my career a strong supporter of law 10 enforcement. My vote today is not reflective of 11 that. However, that being said, we had three chiefs 12 or four chiefs speak. We had our Sheriff speak. I 13 listened to when it could be used. I didn't hear 14 one of the chiefs tell me of an incident where it 15 actually was used. I asked the Sheriff had it ever 16 been used in 17 years. They answered no. 17 I think one of the primary uses of tear

Page 94 1 followed the orders of their commander, and utilized 2 tear gas to clear a pathway for the President of the 3 United States to take a picture in front of a 4 church. Listen. My God, what are we coming to here? 5 And I think that we must understand that 6 perception is reality, and right now our perception 7 in our community and those out there peacefully 8 protesting is that we were conscious of this and 9 respond to what has happened in other places in the 10 country. And I'll be honest with you. We could 11 pull out a couple of memos I want to from where that 12 kind of indicates there was some thinking about 13 doing certain things in reaction to what's happened 14 in other parts of the country. So the timing is 15 wrong on this. 16 The other thing about it that really, 17 really bothered me, about two weeks ago we scheduled 18 a closed session to discuss this. And end of the 19 closed session, I asked frankly was anything said in 20 this closed session really needed to be said in 21 closed session? And I was told no. That bothered 22 me because when we're not willing to shine as much 23 light on it as possible, allow the public as much 24 information as possible, and we prefer to go into a 25 closed session, where we admitted at the end of the	Page 96 1 So we continue to be a strong support of 2 law enforcement from staffing and funding and our 3 constituents be properly compensated. I asked in 4 the committee meeting earlier to make sure that it 5 should be all employees in the County but certainly 6 law enforcement get hazard pay for their time during 7 the early months of COVID. But in this particular 8 case, I share Freeholder Cifelli's passion about the 9 need to send a message of what our conscious tells 10 us from what perception we want to send to the 11 public. 12 Lastly as it relates to Item 20, I think 13 Mr. Administrator, it's important to throw it to our 14 process. Maybe it's the Public Safety Committee. 15 Maybe it's just through the administrative process 16 that we look at the issues that were raised by 17 several speakers today to ascertain that we're not 18 overpaying for the work that needs to be. I 19 understand that some individuals are thinking we 20 shouldn't have the Wi-Fi in all of the cells. But 21 let's be realistic. It's a 600 and something cells 22 and there are 600 and something inmates and 23 detainees. We have a COVID crisis. We may have to 24 get to one person a cell. So I think that we can 25 part of it.
Page 95 1 day there was one or two items that couldn't have 2 been discussed in public session, we could have then 3 went to closed session later and that was bothering 4 to me and troublesome also. And the reality is, I'm 5 not sure there ever would have been a question in 6 closed session because most of these questions were 7 simply told by law enforcement, we can't reveal that 8 information to you. 9 Now, I respect the fact that they came. 10 So we have kind of not done our job when it relates 11 to the public on this issue in the manner and 12 approach that we dealt with it. The timing of the 13 issue is wrong and continues to be wrong. I watch 14 information, and I watch the President's approach to 15 winning an election. If the numbers don't come out 16 exactly as he wants them to, what court he'll go and 17 what he'll challenge, where it will end up in the	Page 97 1 I understand some individuals would like 2 to shut the jail down. I think that there will be a 3 consolidation of correctional facilities. I think 4 there is changes in the correctional facility 5 concept, but I don't believe all of the jails are 6 going to be closed. So I would ask that, 7 Mr. Administrator, before we do that, we go through 8 a process of answering and getting the transcript, 9 finding out what the legitimate issues were and 10 ensure this process compared to something else 11 because it is under a State contract, and I would 12 assume under a State contract, it is cost and 13 material plus cost and labor and plus what the State 14 contract mark up on the labor and the materials is 15 permitted. So we just want to make sure that we 16 don't overspend on that item. 17 And I certainly think there is a lot of

Page 98 1 Torres, go ahead. 2 FREEHOLDER TORRES: Yes. I'm not 3 going to belabor the point. I would like to echo 4 what Freeholder Cifelli previously stated. We 5 should not be put into a box. If we vote for an 6 item or against a certain item, it doesn't mean 7 we're anti-anything per se, just because our vote. 8 There is more to it than being just pro one thing 9 other anti-another thing. We have got ourselves out 10 of those boxes. We have to have conversations. I 11 work in the County. I have a lot of relationships 12 with law enforcement through trainings on mental 13 health, active strategies. These are things that 14 are needed to help our society move forward and 15 progress. 16 I just want to add and echo what 17 Freeholder Cifelli was saying, that just because we 18 vote on an item, does mean that you are pro or anti 19 any one particular group. 20 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you, sir. 21 Freeholder Walker. 22 FREEHOLDER WALKER: Yes, yes. I 23 thought long and hard about, you know, first of all, 24 going back to what Freeholder O'Dea said, our 25 President sets the tone as he did, this is	Page 100 1 THE CLERK: This is the time for 2 anyone present to address the Board on any matter of 3 public interest. Please remember to limit your 4 comments to five minutes. Please raise your hand. 5 We'll begin with Amy Torres. 6 MS. TORRES: Hi. Thank you for the 7 opportunity to comment again. I want to address the 8 Board with a series of questions. I also just want 9 to start by acknowledging it took about two hours 10 and seven minutes before Breonna Taylor's name was 11 mentioned tonight. And I know there's been a lot of 12 chat tonight about lethal and nonlethal forces, but 13 I just want to reminded this Board that Eric 14 Gardener did not die by you know quote-unquote 15 lethal force, nor did George Floyd. 16 So when we talk about what you're doing 17 within your leadership, within your opportunity to 18 really steer the conversation about public safety 19 and the accountability of law enforcement agencies, 20 you don't need a gun to kill someone. You can use a 21 elbow, you can use a knee. You can use force less 22 than that. And all of us are paying attention to 23 this conversation at the national level. It's for 24 many of us to pay as much to the conversation at the 25 local level and the County level.
Page 99 1 ridiculous to me. Also, more about the terminology, 2 nonlethal. As I see the protests going on 3 throughout the country, Breonna Taylor, George 4 Floyd, they're going to find out what they are. And 5 I would much rather put officers that have nonlethal 6 than have lethal because it's my community that's 7 being slaughtered. So there was a conflict with me 8 and I thought about this. 9 I'm a strong supporter of law enforcement. 10 I know we need it, but the nonlethal thing really 11 stuck with me because of what's out there. So if we 12 can get them to have nonlethal anything, I'm just 13 all for that and that's all I wanted to say about 14 that. 15 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you, 16 Freeholder. Mr. Clerk. 17 THE CLERK: Are there any comments	Page 101 1 And we're -- you know, we're here. None 2 of us want to be here this late at night talking to 3 all of you all, but here we are. So I want to 4 address a few questions that came up in public 5 comments but were either unaddressed so I'll bring 6 them up here even though it hadn't happened. There 7 were a few comments by law enforcement officers and 8 Freeholders slash Commissioners that talks about a 9 State ordinance that requires a Sheriff's SWAT team. 10 I would love to hear an answer about what that State 11 ordinance is. That's very unfamiliar to me, but if 12 that is the case, I would love to hear what it is. 13 My second question there were a few 14 examples where Commissioner talked about active 15 shooter situations at courthouses at the national 16 level, which further compels the reasons for the 17 County to maintain a SWAT team. I'm not aware of

Page 102 1 enforcement from using expired tear gas in training 2 exercises? It really shouldn't matter whether it's 3 expired or not if it's just a training exercise. My 4 other questions I did notice that there were a few 5 chiefs the police or law enforcement officers on the 6 line. What are restrictions for lobbying for 7 publicly salaried employees? Are we certain that 8 everyone who is a public-salaried employee who 9 commented tonight is not billing overtime hours or 10 on-call hours for tonight? 11 And then to the comment that I made at the 12 start, what is the County's definition of use of 13 force, use of lethal force? Is that always an 14 ammunition-based definition, or does it also include 15 types of lethal force that includes things like 16 chokeholds or knee restraints and again, I cite the 17 murders of Eric Gardner and George Floyd to ask for 18 clarity on the definition. 19 Then finally ask the Board on the upcoming 20 end of the ICE contract and it will be so before 21 the November election? Will you commit to not 22 renewing that contract? There was a recent e-mail 23 that was sent explaining to the Chair of the Board 24 saying that there would be hundreds of people, but 25 that they just ignore them. So if it's not	Page 104 1 MS. TORRES: And also wanted examples 2 of active shooters in courthouses. The next was why 3 expired tear gas can't be used in training 4 exercises. The next was what is lobbying 5 restrictions for publicly-salaried employees and 6 whether or not publicly-salaried employees as part 7 of this call are using their publicly-salaried 8 hours. What are the definitions of lethal force 9 versus use of force that as defined by the County? 10 And how is the ordinance on the ICE contracts and 11 how can we get in touch if, e-mail or phone is not a 12 viable option? 13 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: I'll answer the 14 ICE contract. The ICE contract is not before the 15 Freeholder Board yet. We don't know if it is going 16 to come before the Freeholder Board. And when it 17 comes on the agenda, the Freeholders will make that 18 decision. Go ahead, sir. 19 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I just want to say 20 one thing. I stated at the last agenda my position 21 on it. 22 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: You've got 30 23 seconds left. 24 UNDERSHERIFF CONTI: I want to answer 25 the questions on the mandated SWAT team for the
Page 103 1 happening in this public comment, and if it's not 2 happening by e-mail, I would love to hear how we can 3 get in touch because it seems like our calls and our 4 e-mails go unanswered. So if not now, please let us 5 know when because we know that that the expiration 6 is coming up so soon. Thank you. And to I want an 7 answer to all of those questions before the next 8 speaker. 9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: What were all of 10 the questions? Did you write them down, Mr. Clerk? 11 (Unintelligible, simultaneous 12 speaking.) 13 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Anybody care to 14 answer her questions? 15 MS. TORRES: So I'm happy to repeat 16 them but shouldn't count towards my minutes because 17 I did lav them out. The Clerk is more than welcome	Page 105 1 Sheriff's office. That's done by the State of New 2 Jersey Court Security Plan. They make the rules, 3 and they make the laws down in Trenton, and we 4 follow it. For the existence of the last 17 years, 5 we had to maintain a SWAT team to protect the 6 judges, the jurors and everyone else who uses the 7 courthouses, employees, and State and County 8 employees and mostly and the public and every one 9 that uses the building that's mandated by the State. 10 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Can you provide 11 the Administrator just a copy of what that plan is? 12 UNDERSHERIFF CONTI: I believe the 13 Administrator might have the copy of the mandate. 14 MR. ANTUN: I've never seen it 15 because it's a document which it comes from the 16 Administrative Office of the Courts, and I've never 17 seen the court security model.

Page 106 1 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: A quick couple 2 answers with regard to the use of force, whether 3 deadly or nonlethal, that's governed by the Attorney 4 General guidelines. That's public. You can see by 5 just pulling it up. With regards to overtime, 6 police chiefs don't get overtime. With regards to 7 communication, I know myself, I've been in contact 8 both e-mail and by phone with a couple of the 9 activists so we all have a governmental e-mail. We 10 do not have a government issued phones, but some of 11 us do give out our phones. Thank you. 12 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you, sir. 13 Next speaker, please. 14 THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, the next 15 speaker is Whitney Straub. Mr. Straub. 16 MR. STRAUB: Hi, Freeholders. My 17 name is Whitney Straub. I'm with North Jersey DSA, 18 the Democratic Socialists of America, and I want to 19 echo some of what Amy Torres just said and build on 20 it a little because there is a lot of anxiety about 21 what is going to happen when your ICE contract 22 expires, and you continue to be very evasive and 23 frame yourself as passive and powerless, the defense 24 that there's nothing you can do unless the Executive 25 hands you something to vote on.	Page 108 1 which would be a good thing, that you will replace 2 with a contract with Mercer County to import people 3 who are held in their jail, and then that would be 4 like a real tragedy. Really that would be kind of 5 cruel the way bail reform in New Jersey ends, and 6 then immediately all of you began cashing in on ICE 7 detention in Essex, Hudson and Bergen Counties. 8 rethink the incarceration state, rather than 9 rethinking this reliance on incarceration as a 10 source of revenue, which is a deeply and wrong way 11 to run a County or a society. 12 So that's another question I'm posing to 13 you is to commit to ensuring the downsizing and 14 eventually ideal closure of the jail which is not 15 something which serves the public good and really 16 representing a lot emotional violence inflicting on 17 most of our most marginalized neighbors and 18 community members. 19 And the third and final point I wanted to 20 make, I continue to find it deeply inappropriate 21 that as public officials you don't have phones you 22 know, you're spending thousands of dollars on tear 23 gas that nobody needs. Maybe you could budget some 24 phones so you can be a little more democratically 25 accountable to things like phone taps when organized
Page 107 1 But that's not true, of course. So you 2 can also send a message to the Executive, which is 3 that you are committed to not renewing, and I don't 4 understand why you're unwilling to do that, and it's 5 causing a great deal of concern. I came on this 6 call straight from an abolish ICE activist call with 7 members from groups like Freedom for Immigrants, 8 First Friends, the FSC. And there's a lot of 9 concern within this community. We're actually 10 committed to ending this contract, and there nothing 11 stopping you from committing to that position, which 12 is what I emphasized, that I posed to as a question. 13 I know once you are on the record, and I 14 just want to quote Chairman Vainieri in 2018 when 15 you were quoted, it was always the plan in 2018, and 16 I could put that in the chat if anybody is 17 interested. And on one there are three things that	Page 109 1 groups want to contact our elected officials. So 2 those are the three things that I wanted to pose to 3 you. I really would like you to commit to making 4 sure the ICE contract expires. So thank you. Thank 5 you. 6 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: I appreciate it. 7 Thank you. 8 THE CLERK: Next speaker is Jonathan 9 Kominsky. 10 MR. KOMINSKY: Can you hear me? 11 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Good evening. Go 12 ahead, sir. 13 MR. KOMINSKY: Thank you very much. 14 So well, all the police chiefs who talked earlier on 15 the regional SWAT team as a necessary service to the 16 County, and I see that value in having a 17 consolidated response force for something like that.

Page 110 1 requests from municipalities which is what the 2 regional SWAT team does. If there is a security 3 plan that requires Sheriff's office to have a SWAT 4 team, then why aren't they just the regional SWAT 5 team? Why do we need to have all of this redundant 6 equipment for two completely separate organizations 7 that do the exact same thing in the exact same 8 coverage area. 9 Separately when it comes to the tear gas, 10 the comments that Freeholder Cifelli and O'Dea made 11 get right to the point of it which is that as I said 12 earlier, I don't really trust the Sheriff's office 13 at this time because I don't feel that I have a 14 reason to. And I mean to give you personal 15 perspective of this, you know, I'm a fifth 16 generation American Jew. And my family was very 17 aware of what the German police did when the Nazis 18 attacked the homes and shops of Jewish people in 19 Germany. Where do you think the police were? 20 So if some Neo-Nazi militia like the Proud 21 Boys, came to my house, at the moment, I'm not sure 22 I would want the SWAT team to be there because I 23 don't have confidence about which side they will be 24 on. So I think there is a real problem right now 25 with law enforcement saying that you have just	Page 112 1 I'm butchering this quotation, correct me. The 2 quotation is, When they came for you, I was silent 3 and then they came for me. Thank you. 4 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Mr. Clerk, next 5 speaker. 6 THE CLERK: Next speaker is Caitlin 7 Sherman. 8 MS. SHERMAN: Hi, can you hear me? 9 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: We hear you. Go 10 ahead. 11 MS. SHERMAN: Okay. Great. I wanted 12 to bring to the attention of Freeholder -- is 13 Freeholder Rodriguez still here? She's my 14 Freeholder. 15 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: She's on the 16 Zoom. Go ahead, ma'am. 17 MS. SHERMAN: I just want to bring to 18 your attention that in the last couple days, the 19 municipalities of Weehawken, West New York and Union 20 City all passed resolutions opposing the 21 construction of a proposed power plant that NJ 22 Transit wants to build in Kearny that would burn 23 fracked gas that would be brought in via trains, 24 which is incredibly dangerous. They tend to explode 25 occasionally, and the power plants increase both our
Page 111 1 approve everything they want, every toy, every 2 thing, and we should just trust that they wouldn't 3 be used against us, and I'll tell you I don't. And 4 I don't see why you do. And until we have some kind 5 of safeguard or guarantee or at least them making 6 the most bare effort to be helpful or like I'm going 7 to be honest here, I think that the program 8 Freeholder Cifelli was asking for is lowest possible 9 bottom, right? He's asking them not to violate the 10 civil rights of peaceful protesters, and they can't 11 even commit to that. 12 So I just don't seem to make -- I have 13 trouble trying to convey here how little I feel that 14 the County law enforcement has my wellbeing at heart 15 or actually intends to protect me. And they're not 16 helping their case. Nothing that any of those 17 speakers said helped their case in any way.	Page 113 1 local air pollution, causing asthma, potentially 2 increasing people's risk for COVID as well as 3 increasing global warming, climate change, causing 4 sea level rising, all sorts of issues that we have 5 here in Hudson County. The power plant is intended 6 to provide power NJ transit in the event of another 7 sandy like incident where they lose power for an 8 extended period of time. However it is planned to 9 be built in a flood zone, itself does not seem very 10 smart. NJ transit also did not look into any 11 alternative renewable options instead of just 12 burning this nasty fracked gas. 13 I urge you all to join I believe half of 14 the municipalities in Hudson County have officially 15 said they oppose it, so I urge you all to join them. 16 If you would like, I could send you text of a 17 resolution. If you would like to work with me on

1 right? 2 THE CLERK: Yes. 3 MS. DONNELLY: All right. I was 4 going to say this earlier. I heard tonight you had 5 discussed the need for the police to protect the 6 public and that might be using tear gas, and I want 7 to make the case for phasing it out entirely. I 8 want to echo John Kominsky's mistrust of law 9 enforcement with militarized weaponry, especially 10 chemical agents, and I have a number of reasons for 11 that. Aside from respiratory effects, which should 12 disqualify it already during a respiratory pandemic, 13 tear gas is also a hormone disrupter. It's toxic to 14 fish and plants and can act as a photophthalmant, 15 and is also known to be carcinogenic long term. 16 But not a lot of work has been done 17 researching these effects. They're short term and 18 long term for both inhalation and skin absorption, 19 and the reason we don't know so much about them is 20 because the active ingredients have been deemed 21 unethical to test on animals. Protestors in 22 Portland and Philadelphia, have experienced severe 23 and lasting effects from tear gas exposure from 24 respiratory effects to hair loss to menstrual 25 irregularities and possible miscarriage.	Page 114	1 irritant, carcinogen or have any long term health 2 effects. And I believe law enforcement should be 3 held to the same standard, but within the industry, 4 within the supplying and production of this, it's 5 usually neglected. I urge you to make sure to 6 ensure there is appropriate transparency on anything 7 that is thought to be deployed, whether or not there 8 is ever an intent to deploy it in a residential 9 area. It needs to be taken into consideration. 10 So all the more reason to phase it out and 11 deal with the reasons people are in the streets to 12 begin with, including lack of resources, 13 unemployment, and law enforcement that treats them 14 as subhuman. Thank you. 15 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you, ma'am 16 I appreciate it. 17 THE CLERK: Next speaker is Mark 18 Devens. Mr. Devens. 19 MR. DEVENS: Yes. Hi. Can you hear 20 me? 21 THE CLERK: Yes. 22 MR. DEVENS: Great. So I would like 23 to start by thanking the Commissioners, O'Dea, 24 Cifelli and Torres for their impassioned 25 explanations this evening. While every other	Page 116
1 And also when tear gas is deployed, it's 2 impacting more than just protestors or our targets 3 of law enforcement. In Philadelphia this summer, a 4 whole city block was gassed so severely that 5 families couldn't see from it even inside their own 6 home. And with the neighborhoods of color that are 7 disproportionately close to industrial areas, thank 8 you red lining, it becomes another layer of 9 environmental racism and jeopardizes long term 10 health. 11 One of the commenters invoked the need to 12 protest the courthouse, and it doesn't make this 13 less disturbing because the courthouse is heavily in 14 residential areas including the one I live in. And 15 a lot of the areas in which people exercise their 16 right to free speech are also heavily residential. 17 So I urge the Board to pay attention to the	Page 115	1 Commissioner -- every other Commissioner with the 2 exception of Cedeño and Walker, the remaining 3 Commissioners entered their yays into the record 4 without any further explanation. So Commissioner 5 Walker spoke to nonlethal ammunition in regards to 6 tear gas, so I would like to remind all of the 7 Commissioners that tear gas is a banned substance 8 internationally. We don't use it in our own 9 military. 10 So Arden, who spoke just before me, they 11 spoke out on the effects on the use of tear gas. As 12 Commissioner Cifelli has pointed out, if we can't 13 meet the bare minimum commitment to not deploy that 14 on unarmed protestors, and the rest of the 15 Commissioners to vote in this favor of this purchase 16 should ashamed of themselves. We couldn't even get 17 their bare minimum commitment. From the last	Page 117

Page 118 1 doesn't change my mind on anything. That was in 2 response other impassioned requests to end the ICE 3 contract, to close down that facility. On 4 September 16th, we learned about the Irwin County 5 detention center and forced hysterectomies that are 6 being performed there. 7 So this is the question pointed 8 specifically to Chairperson Vainieri, you have 9 demonstrated that you don't care about what your 10 constituents think. You don't care about what your 11 constituents think. The ICE contract expires at the 12 end of this year. Do you care about the new 13 revelation that ICE is the genocidal institution? 14 Does this change your attitude towards renewing the 15 Hudson County's contract with ICE when it expires at 16 the end of this year? Thank you. 17 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you very 18 much. First of all let me just say something. 19 We're not Commissioners yet until January 1st. I 20 appreciate notifying everybody of that. We'll be 21 Commissioners January 1st. Second of all, I just 22 won my last election with over 80 percent of the 23 vote when my opponent trashed me for the support of 24 the ICE contract. So my district speaks for itself 25 that they supported me again in my reelection.	Page 120 1 This is genocide. The Geneva Convention 2 on the definition of genocide very specifically 3 states Part B imposing measures intended to prevent 4 births within the group or by the group and E, 5 forcibly transferring children of the group to 6 another group and due to child separation. We've 7 been arguing this point and belaboring it for years 8 now. There is no two ways about it. You can't 9 wring hands about the Trump Administration. You 10 can't brag about your fucking voting records, right? 11 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Watch your 12 language. Watch your language. 13 MR. LUKOWITZ: You're maintaining 14 genocide, right? 15 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: It's not 16 genocide. 17 MR. LUKOWITZ: I'm sorry? 18 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: It's not genocide 19 and control your language. We respect you. You 20 respect us. 21 MR. LUKOWITZ: I provided evidence 22 that it counts toward genocide so when you say it 23 does not, can you argue that it doesn't? 24 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Mr. Clerk, one 25 other obscenity from this gentleman, shut him down
Page 119 1 I never said I do not care about anything. 2 And when the ICE contract comes up again, we're 3 going to make up our minds what we're going to do. 4 We don't need to be asked right now, okay? So if 5 Freeholders want to say they are going to vote no, 6 that's up to them. Good for them. I will not say 7 what I'm doing yet until it's in front of me on my 8 desk. 9 Mr. Clerk, next speaker, please. 10 Mr. Clerk, next speaker. 11 THE CLERK: Jeff L. Please state 12 your full name. 13 MR. LUKOWITZ: Two points I live in 14 West New York I'm happy to ask Freeholder Vainieri 15 again, if you intend to maintain the ICE contract. 16 You know, I came here to speak about a different 17 topic, but since that message I'm little bit more	Page 121 1 please. 2 MR. LUKOWITZ: I only did one 3 obscenity. The obscenity -- 4 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: One more and shut 5 him down. 6 MR. LUKOWITZ: So I've doing thorough 7 reading about, you know, the history before and 8 after World War II, and if you read about Eichmann, 9 it doesn't take every Nazi to be this mustache 10 twirling villain who is ready to murder everyone. 11 What's remarkable about Eichmann is that he is 12 unremarkable. He supposedly wrung his hands and was 13 you know, very regrettably doing all of this stuff. 14 but it was just his job. He was mandated. He was 15 told to do it. He felt like, you know, the people 16 wanted him to do it, right? And that's like what's 17 happening here.

Page 122 1 MR. L: Thank you. Before I was 2 rudely interrupted again, the problem here is we 3 judge ourselves where just regular things happen, 4 right? You're arguing about budget, you argue about 5 how you complete this small little task and you 6 really don't understand how it contributes to the 7 whole. But you're doing business with an 8 organization that is in my opinion and the opinion 9 of many people is genocide. So I cannot fathom that 10 you're refusing to make a statement right now at 11 this particular moment after all of the conversation 12 that we heard personal opinions about, the critical 13 moment that we're in right now, the danger and the 14 fear and the you know -- 15 THE CLERK: The time is up. Should I 16 proceed with the next speaker? 17 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Yes, please. 18 Let's get on with the meeting. Next speaker. 19 THE CLERK: Patrick Toussaint. 20 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Chairman, one 21 thing. If we're going to cut people off at five 22 minutes, then the Clerk, you need to notify when 23 there is two minutes left, and one minute left. 24 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: He said he had 25 one minute left when he started cursing at us. Go	Page 124 1 disappointed in my own Freeholder, Freeholder Walker 2 for his communication of Breonna Taylor and George 3 Floyd and for continuing to purchase tear gas. As 4 many folks recall, there are many, many, many ways 5 to kill a person and just because we use nonlethal 6 doesn't mean that there is a justification for us to 7 continue to purchase all of this weaponry. You 8 should be focused on deescalation. You should be 9 focusing on putting less money into our police 10 departments. 11 And when you look at this budget, we've 12 done a lot of work on this, and the law enforcement 13 all told together already gets 30 percent. That's 14 the largest part of the budget. I on behalf of the 15 Hudson County Progressive Alliance earlier posted a 16 letter in the Hudson County View making this very 17 point, understanding that Chairman Vainieri found it 18 necessary to place me in a particular box for what 19 my position was on that. What we're trying to do 20 here is ask you guys to think about additional 21 dollars that you are deciding to spend on law 22 enforcement. Is it really justified? 23 There are so many other things that are 24 much more deserving of our public dollars would be 25 more beneficial of investments. Again, I think some
Page 123 1 ahead, Mr. Clerk. 2 THE CLERK: Patrick Toussaint. The 3 time is 8:39 on my watch. Mr. Toussaint, can you 4 speak? 5 MR. TOUSSAINT: Yes. Can you hear 6 me? 7 THE CLERK: Yes. 8 MR. TOUSSAINT: Okay. Perfect. So I 9 just wanted to reiterate a lot of the comments that 10 have been made previously. First let me start by 11 thanking Freeholder Cifelli, Freeholder O'Dea, 12 Freeholder Torres for their votes they took today 13 and for the justification of their votes. It's 14 really an important issue in a democracy. I agree 15 not to be put into different boxes based on the 16 buzzwords of the day. 17 But it's really important for us make sure	Page 125 1 of the Freeholders on the call have decided that 2 there are more worthwhile things to invest their 3 money and others to think about different ways of 4 tear gassing our communities so I just want to put 5 my comments on the record. 6 I also wanted to reiterate what other 7 folks have said as it relates to the ICE contract. 8 And know that when that does come back up for a 9 vote, you all will continue to -- Freeholder O'Dea, 10 if we can count on the County Executive not to 11 present it that would be great, but if he does 12 present it, then I would hope that this Board does 13 vote it down. 14 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Freeholder 15 Romano. 16 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Just a quick 17 statement. It's nice that the majority of the

1 First of all, it's really a pepper spray.
 2 The seconds thing I think the chiefs were
 3 trying emphasize that this is not about trying to
 4 tear gas or pepper spray protestors. But it's a
 5 preparation in case that chaos and anarchy attempt
 6 to be reined in one of our cities. I want to stress
 7 that no one, and as a fellow police officer, no one
 8 wants to gas or hurt peaceful protestors. We
 9 respect that as human beings, and we take
 10 psychologicals to try to weed out those who don't
 11 respect it.
 12 And I just feel that, your passion
 13 respected, I think there needs to be more dialogue
 14 between people. As I said I spoke to a couple
 15 activists today and some information is wrong. The
 16 one activist today said to me, I didn't realize that
 17 about the Wi-Fi. And I said yes, it's to benefit
 18 the inmates. And the jail when he wrote the letter,
 19 he had a error in his letter I read today. For
 20 example, we didn't call a special meeting. Long
 21 before, I have been here from Freeholder Cifelli or
 22 O'Dea, and the senior Members can attest to the fact
 23 that during the summer months that's the regular
 24 times of the meeting. We did not change times.
 25 With regard to the strenuous word on the

1 genocide, for the cardinal of the Archdioceses of
 2 Newark to come out and say that our correctional
 3 institution is in the forefront of a model in the
 4 whole United States in the way we treat detainees.
 5 And to the gentleman that says we close prison,
 6 taking aside detainees, what do you do with those
 7 who that committed serious crimes, such as murder,
 8 rape, an other heinous crimes? I'm just wondering
 9 where he thinks that those people should go?
 10 And we've gone to Mercer County. It's not
 11 to take in detainees. I think that's another
 12 mistake to the best of my knowledge, correct
 13 Mr. Administrator? That is not to take in
 14 detainees. So please feel free to contact, ask
 15 questions. Let's have dialogue. But just praising
 16 some of the Commissioners here and not understanding
 17 all of the them just isn't right. And again, I

1 and I appreciate all of my colleagues. Thank you.
 2 CHAIRMAN VAINIERI: Thank you,
 3 Freeholder Romano. Thank you very much for the
 4 compliment. Mr. Clerk, go ahead.
 5 THE CLERK: Mr. Rafael Wakefield had
 6 his hand up previously. Does he wish to speak?
 7 Please raise your hand if you do.
 8 Yes, he does. Mr. Wakefield.
 9 MR. WAKEFIELD: Okay. Thank you.
 10 THE CLERK: It's 8:46 p.m.
 11 MR. WAKEFIELD: Okay. I live in
 12 Downtown Jersey City, Mr. Walker's district. Really
 13 quick I wanted to echo what Ms. Sherman said about
 14 the New Jersey Transit gas power plant. I don't
 15 think it's commonly understood that although New
 16 Jersey Transit's rationale is powering the trains in
 17 an emergency, this plant is it a combined backup
 18 plant meaning it's intended to run, and it does run
 19 at all times on natural gas powers, which take it or
 20 leave it, but the idea that it's necessary for
 21 emergency backup power for New Jersey Transit's
 22 trains is a misleading way of putting. So I would
 23 agree with Ms. Sherman. I call on the Freeholders
 24 to express their disapproval on that.
 25 The other thing, I think this was already

1 covered more explicitly with regard to Freeholder
 2 Walker's comment on less lethal, I mean it's very --
 3 less lethal force is more preferable to lethal force
 4 obviously, but I struggle to really envision a
 5 scenario where tear gas -- I understand that you can
 6 say Oh, it's not tear gas, it's pepper spray.
 7 Whatever. There are potentially very serious side
 8 effects, and I don't think that really plays a role
 9 in what we think of as special weapon tactics. As
 10 opposed to say it's for a straightforward purpose,
 11 using it instead of a gun.
 12 Tear gas, let's get real. What is the
 13 principal purpose other than spraying people? I
 14 think the Sheriff's office, and I don't think any
 15 police office has disavowed the use on protests, so
 16 I appreciate your candor. We should be honest about
 17 it. That's what we're going to use it for, so I

1 much. I see no one in the chambers. Motion to
 2 close. Motion, Romano and Kopacz. All in favor?
 3 Good night.

4 THE CLERK: The meeting is adjourned.
 5 (Whereupon the proceeding is then
 6 concluded at 8:49 p.m.)
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OPRA request -CTCL funding

Debra Cuseglio

Mon 7/19/2021 11:18 AM

Sent Items

To: opr+request-24040-f6afe138@requests.opramachine.com <opr+request-24040-f6afe138@requests.opramachine.com>;

Cc: Maite Fernandez <maferandez@hcnj.us>; Neil Carroll <ncarroll@hcnj.us>; Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>;

 3 attachments (296 KB)

1-3 - CTCL Check Scan RJ.pdf; 4 -CTCL Exp. 2020 report.pdf; 4-CTCL Exp. 2021 report.pdf;

Good Day Ms. Kennedy,

Please find attached a portion of your OPRA request 1 - 4, the rest to follow, as mentioned.

Thank you for your patience,

Debra Cuseglio

201-369-3435 x6

201-726-0451

Remittance Info: Inv #Elections COVID Response Grant
The Center for Technology and Civic Life
233 N. Michigan Ave
233 N. Michigan Ave
Chicago, IL 60601
(202) 227-4172

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JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY 07306-1803

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10/21/2020

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From: The Center for Technology and Civic Life
Pay To: HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
Invoice #
COVID Response Grant
Total

Bill Amount
\$688,656.99

Date: 10/21/2020
Check #: 200012655
Payment Amount
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#	Check #	Vendor#	Vendor/Description	Budget	Credit PO Number	PO Number	PO Payment Balance (DR)
			COVID-19 Response Grant / THE CENTER OF TECHN	688,656.99	688,656.99	-	688,656.99
			COVID-19 Response Grant	688,656.99	688,656.99	-	-
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PO#	Contract#	Check #	Vendor#	Vendor/Description	Budget	Debit PO Encumber	PO Payment	Balance (CR) *
				COVID-19 Response Grant	688,656.99			
				General Election Temp Wrk Salaries PR 11/20/2	120,207.50			688,656.99
				General Election Temp Wrk OT PR 11/20/20-Dept	40,098.75			528,350.74
				COUNTY OF HUDSON SALARY ACCOUNT 000107-BOARD O	61,965.00			466,385.74
				COUNTY OF HUDSON SALARY ACCOUNT 000107-BOARD O	19,237.50			447,148.24
				General Election Temp Wrk OT PR 11/06/20-Dept	33,491.25			413,656.99
					688,656.99	275,000.00	-	413,656.99
							-	
							-	

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Re: OPRA request -CTCL funding

Shelly Kennedy <opra+request-24040-f6afe138@requests.opramachine.com>

Sun 7/18/2021 4:06 PM

To: Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>;

*** CAUTION: This email originated from outside the County of Hudson ***

Dear Debra,

Thank you for your reply. Do you have any partial response you can send, while waiting on the Finance Office? Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,

Shelly Kennedy

-----Original Message-----

Ms. Kennedy,

Your OPRA request regarding the CTCL funding for Hudson County is projected to be completed on July 26th Monday

Our office currently requested the help of the Hudson County Finance

Department to help with your request

Please use this UNIQUE email address for all replies to this request and no other:

opra+request-24040-f6afe138@requests.opramachine.com

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<https://opramachine.com/help/officers>

View this OPRA request & responses online:

https://opramachine.com/request/information/about_ctcl_funding_17

Please note that in some cases publication of requests and responses will be delayed.

If you find this service useful as an OPRA custodian, please ask your web manager to link to us from your organisation's website.

OPRA request -CTCL funding

Debra Cuseglio

Sat 7/17/2021 12:02 PM

Sent Items

To: opra+request-24040-f6afe138@requests.opramachine.com <opra+request-24040-f6afe138@requests.opramachine.com>;

Cc: Maite Fernandez <mafernandez@hcnj.us>; Neil Carroll <ncarroll@hcnj.us>; Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>;

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Sincerely,

Debra Cuseglio

201-369-3435 x6

Re: OPRA request

Debra Cuseglio

Tue 7/13/2021 1:16 PM

Sent Items

To: John Inagaki <JInagaki@hcnj.us>;

Cc: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>; Virga Webb <vwebb@hcnj.us>;

Appreciate your help -Thank you John

From: John Inagaki

Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 12:54:29 PM

To: Debra Cuseglio

Cc: Michael Harper; Virga Webb

Subject: RE: OPRA request

Hi Debra,

Please see attached responses to questions 1-4. I do not have 5-7. Please make sure to cc Neil Carrol and Maite Fernandez on OPRA response.

Regards,
John

From: Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>

Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 11:55 AM

To: John Inagaki <JInagaki@hcnj.us>

Cc: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>

Subject: OPRA request

Hi John,

Are you able to help us answer the OPRA request listed below:

Thank you always -Debra Cuseglio

2. Any grants awarded from or submitted to Center for Tech and Civic Life (aka CTCL)
3. The dollar amount of such grants in #2 above.
4. How was the money in #3 above spent? Provide specific categories and spending amounts in every election cycle which used funding from CTCL.
5. Minutes of the Board of Elections meetings during which Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL) and its funding was discussed and/or approved
6. Provide a copy of any CTCL grant applications
7. Provide a digital copy (PDF or image) of emails where "CTCL" or "Center for Tech and Civic Life" is mentioned

Yours sincerely,

Shelly Kennedy

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From: The Center for Technology and Civic Life
 Pay To: HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
 Invoice #
 COVID Response Grant
Total

Date: 10/21/2020
 Check #: 200012655
 Payment Amount
 \$688,656.99
 \$688,656.99

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 The Center for Technology & Civic Life
 Covid-19 Response Grant

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Vendor #</u>	<u>Vendor/Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>PO Encumber</u>	<u>PO Payment</u>	<u>Balance (DR)</u>
		COVID-19 Response Grant / THE CENTER OF TECHN	688,656.99	-	688,656.99	-	-	688,656.99
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* Liability Account. (Typically Credit Balance. Debit Balances are shown as negatives.)					
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COUNTY OF HUDSON SALARY ACCOUNT 00010T-BOARD O		19,237.50			
COUNTY OF HUDSON SALARY ACCOUNT 00010T-BOARD O		33,491.25			
General Election Temp w/x OT PR 11/06/20-Debt					
	688,656.99	275,000.00	-	-	413,656.99

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From 05/01/2021 to 06/30/2021

Contract#	Check #	Vendor#	Vendor/Description	Budget	Debit	Credit	PO Number	PO Payment	Balance (CR)
			ACTIVITY/BALANCE (YEAR START)	688,656.99					413,656.99
			PO# 152871 should be new equip. not equipment	13,283.19					400,373.80
			New Equipment	37,710.95					362,662.85
			Office Supplies	2,475.60					360,187.25
			Printing and Stationary	9,895.00					350,292.25
			Rentals	10,788.00					339,504.25
			Outside Services	16,355.00					323,149.25
			PO# 153193 should be office supplies not equi	115.79					322,033.46
			(Line Added) Hand Sanitizers 12 oz bottles #	8,428.15			1,822.50		321,210.96
			PO 151588						312,782.81
			PO 151588						312,595.61
			PO 151790						310,128.92
			PO 151790						306,888.92
			PO 158089						285,472.92
			PO# 153611						284,810.92
			PO# 158203						282,886.92
			To reclassify Gen. Election temp worker salary						498,550.67
			To reclassify Gen. Election temp worker salary						557,886.92
			On-Site Services - Non-Election Day 12 Techni						499,186.92
			On-Site Services - Non-Election Day 12 Techni						442,576.92
			On-Site Services - Non-Election Day 12 Techni						440,576.92
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710		RES202104220							
711		RES202104220							
				-	128,947.57	275,000.00	119,132.50	-	440,576.92
				688,656.99	128,947.57	275,000.00	119,132.50	-	440,576.92

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Re: OPRA request - Information about CTCL funding

Debra Cuseglio

Tue 7/6/2021 5:16 PM

Sent Items

To: Maite Fernandez <mafernandez@hcnj.us>; Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>;

Hi Maite,

The Board of Election office received this OPRA request 4 PM on June 29th and we are still compiling the information.

As soon as we have a full accounting of how the grant monies were spent, we will include you on the email.

Sincerely,
Debra Cuseglio

From: Maite Fernandez
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 3:59:29 PM
To: Michael Harper; Debra Cuseglio
Subject: FW: OPRA request - Information about CTCL funding

Can someone please advise if this has been answered?

Best Regards,
Maite Fernandez



567 Pavonia Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306
Tel: 201-795-6250 ext. 6282
Fax: 201-795-6428
Email: mafernandez@hcnj.us

From: Hilda Rosario <hrosario@hcnj.us>

Cc: Neil Carroll <ncarroll@hcnj.us>; Jennifer Lambert <jlambert@hcnj.us>
Subject: RE: OPRA request - Information about CTCL funding

Thank you

Best Regards,
Maite Fernandez



567 Pavonia Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306
Tel: 201-795-6250 ext. 6282
Fax: 201-795-6428
Email: mafermandez@hcnj.us

From: Hilda Rosario <hrosario@hcnj.us>
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 3:05 PM
To: Maite Fernandez <mafermandez@hcnj.us>
Cc: Neil Carroll <ncarroll@hcnj.us>; Jennifer Lambert <jlambert@hcnj.us>; Hilda Rosario <hrosario@hcnj.us>
Subject: RE: OPRA request - Information about CTCL funding

I forwarded to Michael Harper and Debbie Cuseglio..

From: Maite Fernandez <mafermandez@hcnj.us>
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 2:53 PM
To: County Clerk <countyclerk@hcnj.us>; Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>; Frank Gigante <fgigante@hcnj.us>; Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>
Cc: Hilda Rosario <hrosario@hcnj.us>; Neil Carroll <ncarroll@hcnj.us>; Jennifer Lambert <jlambert@hcnj.us>
Subject: RE: OPRA request - Information about CTCL funding

Can someone please forward the initial request in order for me to log in
Thank You

Best Regards,
Maite Fernandez



Lambert <jlambert@hcnj.us>

Subject: Fw: OPRA request - Information about CTCL funding

From: Shelly Kennedy <opra+request-24040-f6afe138@requests.opramachine.com>

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 12:13 AM

To: County Clerk

Subject: Re: OPRA request - Information about CTCL funding

*** CAUTION: This email originated from outside the County of Hudson ***

Dear Hudson County Board of Elections,

I have not received a response to my OPRA request. Please reply when I might expect to hear back about records pursuant to my initial request.

Yours faithfully,

Shelly Kennedy

Please use this UNIQUE email address for all replies to this request and no other:
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https://opramachine.com/request/information_about_ctcl_funding_17

Please note that in some cases publication of requests and responses will be delayed.

RE: question re budget & CTCL grant

Debra Cuseglio

Thu 4/22/2021 11:13 AM

Sent Items

To: John Inagaki <jlnagaki@hcnj.us>; Kathy Rigail <krigail@hcnj.us>;

Cc: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>;

Hi John,

The requisitions listed below are attributable to the CTCL Grant

- # 167898 – Envelope Opener
- 167880 – Ballot Drop Boxes
- 165223 – Technician Support
- 165224 – Technician Support
- 165225 – Technician Support

Debra

From: John Inagaki <jlnagaki@hcnj.us>
Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 6:34 PM
To: Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>; Kathy Rigail <krigail@hcnj.us>
Cc: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>
Subject: RE: question re budget & CTCL grant

Hi Debra,

We'll need that expenditure report because right now we have a balance of \$557k left in the grant in MSI.

Thanks,
John

From: Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>
Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 1:22 PM
To: John Inagaki <jlnagaki@hcnj.us>
Cc: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>
Subject: question re budget & CTCL grant

Dominion invoices from 2020 elections Req's #165223, 165224, 165225 (currently working on routing paperwork for a resolution)

*\$117,310.00

-\$21,893.77 Can this amount be applied to Cares

Grant

Debra Cuseglio
X2859 or
201-726-0451

RE: CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant, Extension Request - Approved

Kathy Rigail

Wed 4/21/2021 3:48 PM

To: Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>;

Thank you

From: Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>

Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 2:31 PM

To: Kathy Rigail <krigail@hcnj.us>

Subject: RE: CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant, Extension Request - Approved

Hello,

Michael would have that report

Sincerely - Debra

From: Kathy Rigail <krigail@hcnj.us>

Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:52 PM

To: Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>

Subject: RE: CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant, Extension Request - Approved

Hi,

Who will be able to send us the expenditure report? Is it Michael or you.

From: Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>

Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:07 PM

To: Kathy Rigail <krigail@hcnj.us>

Subject: RE: CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant, Extension Request - Approved

Np - ☺

From: Kathy Rigail <krigail@hcnj.us>

Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 11:20 AM

Debra/Michael,

Thank you for providing the proof of the grant extension and the availability of the funds balance. Please send us a copy of the expenditure report(s) that were submitted to date. We need to charge the grant for all the expenses and reimburse possibly your operating account and/or the CARES ACT expenditures. Thank you

From: Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us> **On Behalf Of** Michael Harper
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 6:23 PM
To: John Inagaki <jnagaki@hcnj.us>
Cc: Kathy Rigail <krigail@hcnj.us>; Adriana Adarve <adarve@hcnj.us>; Cheryl Fuller <cfuller@hcnj.us>; Virga Webb <vwebb@hcnj.us>
Subject: FW: CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant, Extension Request - Approved

Hello John,

Michael did receive the email below Approving the CTCL Grant Extension.
Sincerely-Debra

From: CTCL Grants Team <grants@techandcivillife.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 7:05 PM
To: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>
Subject: CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant, Extension Request - Approved

*** CAUTION: This email originated from outside the County of Hudson ***

Hello from the CTCL team,

Thank you for submitting your extension request and for your patience throughout the review process. We are pleased to share that CTCL has approved your request for a 6-month extension to the extent that your proposed expenditures fall within the below criteria.

This extension provides you until **June 30, 2021** to expend the remaining **\$168162.92** of your grant.

Please note the following criteria for your approved extension request:

1. Funds must be used exclusively for the public purpose of planning and operationalizing safe and secure election administration in your jurisdiction. Additionally remaining funds can only be used for:

- Staffing or administrative costs for continuing expenses relating to the November 2020 general election, including any associated runoffs. These continuing expenses may include:

1. Cleanup, closing out vote history or reconciling poll lists.
2. Responding to media or public information requests relating to the November 2020 election.

3. Grantees will be required to return any unspent funds at the time of final reporting.

- Any remaining funds that are not able to be spent on the above categories of expenditures must be returned to CTCL via check by **August 7, 2021**.
 - **Payable to:** Center for Tech and Civic Life
 - **Mailing address:** 233 N Michigan Ave, Suite 1800, Chicago, IL 60601
 - **Attn:** Nareth Phin, Operations Director

Thank you for all your hard work! And as always, let us know if you have any other questions by contacting us at grants@techandcivicle.org.

Best,

The CTCL team

Re: ARF for Drop Boxes charged to CTCL Grant

Debra Cuseglio

Wed 4/21/2021 2:01 PM

Sent Items

To: John Inagaki <JInagaki@hcnj.us>;

 1 attachments (29 KB)

American Security - Reso fact sheet.pdf;

revised -Thank you John

From: John Inagaki

Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 1:51:13 PM

To: Debra Cuseglio

Subject: RE: ARF for Drop Boxes charged to CTCL Grant

Hi Debra,

Almost – 02-213-40-915-20

Thanks,
John

From: Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>

Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 1:47 PM

To: John Inagaki <JInagaki@hcnj.us>; Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>

Cc: Kathy Rigail <krigail@hcnj.us>; Adriana Adarve <aadarve@hcnj.us>

Subject: Re: ARF for Drop Boxes charged to CTCL Grant

John

is the attached correct?

Thank you-Debra

From: John Inagaki

From: John Inagaki
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:32 PM
To: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>; Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>; Kathy Rigail <krigail@hcnj.us>; Adriana Adarve <aadarve@hcnj.us>
Cc: Cheryl Fuller <cfuller@hcnj.us>; Virga Webb <vwebb@hcnj.us>
Subject: ARF for Drop Boxes charged to CTCL Grant
Importance: High

Hi Michael,

Abe brought to my attention the ARF for purchase of Drop Boxes for \$53,810. The ARF and Fact Sheet list the County operating account to charge but description reads that it is an allowable expense to CTCL grant. Reading the above attachment, it says that expense has to occur in 2020. Have you received a budget modification from grantor allowing 2021 expenditures? If so we need it before we can proceed with releasing this ARF as well as edits to Fact Sheet.

Please let me know as soon as possible so it can make next week's Commissioner agenda.

I have attached scan of Drop Box ARF for reference, (FYI Pay to Play was included, I omitted from scan for brevity)

Thank you,
John

From: Abe Antun <aantun@hcnj.us>
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Donato Battista <dbattista@hcnj.us>; Cheryl Fuller <cfuller@hcnj.us>; Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>
Cc: David Drumeler <dtrumeler@hcnj.us>; Oscar Aviles <oaviles@hcnj.us>; Craig Guy <cguy@hcnj.us>; Patrick McCarthy <pmccarthy@hcnj.us>; Daniel Desalvo <d-desalvo@hcnj.us>; Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>; Kathy Rigail <krigail@hcnj.us>; John Inagaki <jinagaki@hcnj.us>; Carlos Pena <cpena@hcnj.us>; Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>; Abe Antun <aantun@hcnj.us>; Vanessa Weber <vweber@hcnj.us>; Virga Webb <vwebb@hcnj.us>; Marcy McClary <m-mccclary@hcnj.us>
Subject RE: Approved: CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant

Hi Mike: Thanks for letting us know of the good news regarding the award noted on the attached. Before you can spend the money, please route for Freeholder approval, the acceptance of the grant so the County has the authority to sign the grant agreement. Cheryl will route the budget amendment. We can do both as late starters for this Tuesday's meeting. Please follow up. Thanks

Abe

From: Donato Battista <dbattista@hcnj.us>
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 12:24 PM

From: Michael Harper <mharper@hcnj.us>
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 11:25 AM
To: Craig Guy <cguy@hcnj.us>; Patrick McCarthy <pwmccarthy@hcnj.us>
Subject: Fw: Approved: CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant

Good news, Gentlemen!

From: grants@techandciviclife.org, <grants@techandciviclife.org>
Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 5:47:35 PM
To: Michael Harper
Subject: Approved: CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant

*** CAUTION: This email originated from outside the County of Hudson ***

Dear Michael Harper,

I'm pleased to share that Center for Tech and Civic Life has reviewed your COVID-19 Response Grant application and has approved a grant award totaling **\$688656.99 USD**.

We look forward to promptly disbursing funds, but first we need two things from you:

1. **Disbursement information:** Please provide payment instructions using the CTCL Grant Disbursement Form here: <https://airtable.com/shrj1ueWJSCmPec>. Note: a member of the CTCL COVID-19 Response Grants team will verify payment details before transmitting funds.
2. **Signed grant agreement:** To release funds CTCL must have a signed copy of your jurisdiction's grant agreement. Please find the agreement for signature attached. Return a signed copy to grants@techandciviclife.org at your earliest convenience. Note: Would you prefer a grant for less than the amount CTCL has awarded? Simply respond to this email with your preferred total grant amount and we will update your agreement accordingly.

Once you've (1) submitted payment instructions using the CTCL Grant Disbursement Form and (2) returned a signed grant agreement to grants@techandciviclife.org, CTCL will process a single payment for the full grant amount.

You can select one of three payment methods with the following disbursement times:

- Wire transfer: 3-4 business days
- ACH: 5-9 business days
- Check: 6-10 business days

Center for Tech and Civic Life has partnered with accounting firm Marcum LLP to disburse grant funds. Marcum is using Bill.com to efficiently and securely process payments. After you've completed the Grant Disbursement Form Marcum will send an email via Bill.com to complete the disbursement process.

Thank you for all you do on behalf of New Jersey voters!

All the best,

Tiana and the Center for Tech and Civic Life Team

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Tiana Epps-Johnson | Founder & Executive Director, Center for Tech and Civic Life |

RESOLUTION FACT SHEET

Date:	April 7, 2021
Department of Origin:	Hudson County Board of Elections
Division:	Elections
Nature of Resolution:	Resolution authorizing the purchase of ten secure election vote by mail drop boxes from American Security Cabinets, LLC in the Amount of <u>\$53,810.00</u> Secure Election Drop Boxes beneficial to the growing number of voters in Hudson County
Source of Funding:	CTCL GRANT 02-213-40-915-20
Term/Renewal:	N/A
Nature of the contract:	Due to the increased number of vote by mail in ballots and in accordance to the executive order #177 dated in 2020 The Governor has ordered the placement of secured election vote by mail drop boxes placed throughout the county for the deposit of the said VBM's

RATIONALE FOR CONTRACTING/ACTION:

The above secured election vote by mail drop boxes are in addition to the state approved and already placed drop boxes and is beneficial to the conduct of all elections and voters of Hudson County.

This expense is an allowable use of CTCL Grant monies as a COVID-19 related expense.

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Secure Election Drop Boxes beneficial to the growing number of voters in Hudson County

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02-213-40-915-20-000

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CENTER FOR
TECH AND
CIVIC LIFE

October 7, 2020

Hudson County, New Jersey
County Election Board
257 Cornelson Avenue, Floor 4
Jersey City, NJ 07302

Dear Michael Harper,

I am pleased to inform you that based on and in reliance upon the information and materials provided by Hudson County, and the special circumstances Hudson County faces administering elections in 2020, the Center for Tech and Civic Life ("CTCL"), a nonprofit organization tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") section 501(c)(3), has decided to award a grant to support the work of Hudson County ("Grantee").

The following is a description of the grant:

AMOUNT OF GRANT: \$ 688,656.99 USD

PURPOSE: The grant funds must be used exclusively for the public purpose of planning and operationalizing safe and secure election administration in Hudson County in 2020 ("Purpose").

Before CTCL transmits these funds to Grantee, CTCL requires that Grantee review and sign this

1. Grantee is a local government unit or political subdivision within the meaning of IRC section 170(c)(1).
2. This grant shall be used only for the Purpose described above, and for no other purposes.
3. Due to special circumstances Grantee faces administering elections in 2020, Grantee has produced a plan for safe and secure election administration in 2020, including an assessment of election administration needs and budget estimates for such assessment ("Safe Voting Plan"). The Safe Voting Plan is attached to this agreement. Grantee shall expend the total amount of grant funds listed in the Safe Voting Plan as detailed in the Safe Voting Plan, but may reallocate funds between budget items listed in the Safe Voting Plan or to any other permissible public purpose listed in the online grant application with notice by electronic mail to CTCL. Such reallocation does not require the permission of CTCL.
4. Grantee shall not use any part of this grant to make a grant to another organization, except in the case where the organization is a local government unit or political subdivision within the meaning of IRC section 170(c)(1) or a nonprofit organization tax-exempt under IRC section 501(c)(3), and the subgrant is intended to accomplish the Purpose of this grant. Grantee shall take reasonable steps to ensure that any such subgrant is used in a manner consistent with the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement, including requiring that subgrantee agrees in writing to comply with the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement.
5. The grant project period of June 15, 2020 through December 31, 2020 represents the dates between which covered costs may be applied to the grant. The Grantee shall expend the amount of this grant for the Purpose by December 31, 2020.
6. Grantee is authorized to receive this grant from CTCL and certifies that (a) the receipt of these grant funds does not violate any Applicable Laws, and (b) Grantee has taken all required, reasonable and necessary steps to receive, accept and expend the grant in accordance with the Purpose and Applicable Law.
7. The Grantee shall produce a brief report explaining and documenting how grant funds have been expended in support of the activities described in paragraph 3. This report

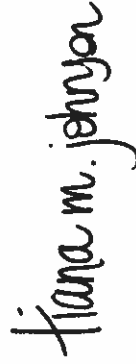
shall include with the report a signed certification by Grantee that it has complied with all terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement.

8. This grant may not supplant previously appropriated funds. The Grantee shall not reduce the budget of the County Election Board ("the Election Department") or fail to appropriate or provide previously budgeted funds to the Election Department for the term of this grant. Any amount supplanted, reduced or not provided in contravention of this paragraph shall be repaid to CTCL up to the total amount of this grant.
9. CTCL may discontinue, modify, withhold part of, or ask for the return all or part of the grant funds if it determines, in its sole judgment, that (a) any of the above terms and conditions of this grant have not been met, or (b) CTCL is required to do so to comply with applicable laws or regulations.
10. The grant project period of June 15, 2020 through December 31, 2020 represents the dates between which covered costs for the Purpose may be applied to the grant.

Your acceptance of and agreement to these terms and conditions and this Grant Agreement is indicated by your signature below on behalf of Grantee. Please have an authorized representative of Grantee sign below, and return a scanned copy of this letter to us by email at grants@techandciviclife.org.

On behalf of CTCL, I extend my best wishes in your work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tiana M. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tiana Epps Johnson

Executive Director

Center for Tech and Civic Life

GRANTEE

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

To: Center for Tech and Civic Life
From: Michael H. Harper, Clerk
Hudson County Board of Elections
Date: September 18, 2020

Hudson County, New Jersey Safe Voting Plan

Overview

Hudson County faces significant challenges in executing the November 3, 2020 general election.

Specifically, Hudson County faced a dramatic increase in the number of returned paper ballots (Vote-By-Mail & Provisional Ballots) due to the Governor’s Executive Order regarding the conduct of the Primary Election. The E.O. regarding the General Election calls for a similarly conducted process. Best estimates call for a return of upwards of 250,000 ballots for the General Election.

For the general election, the number of **total registered voters is expected to be between 395,000 – 400,000** casting ballots split between the two modes of voting. This document offers an assessment of resources needed for Hudson County to safely and thoroughly prepare for the general election.

A preliminary budget overview estimate on top of what is already available to the County is as follows:

Absentee Ballot Assembly and Processing Equipment	\$573,341.64
In-person Voting at Polling Places on Election Day	\$18,000
Secure Dropboxes and related needs	\$89,000
PPE Equipment	\$8,615.35
Total	\$688,656.99

Needs Assessment & Costs

The following sections outline initial details of the operation and costs associated with each of the aforementioned categories.

- **Personnel:** We currently have 5 Full Time Staff members and 6 Part Time Commissioners employed to tabulate absentee-by-mail ballots. Due to the number of ballots we anticipate receiving for the November general election, we will need to hire an additional 120 Temporary/Seasonal Ballot Processors.
- **Outreach Materials:** To promote absentee by mail and early voting ahead of the November election by sending additional ballot instructions, drop box and other relevant outreach information to all voters and VBM recipients.

Processing Equipment: To process absentee by mail ballot, we have ordered a new high-speed envelope opener from Neopost, due for delivery October 1-7, 2020. We have also ordered additional time/date stamp equipment from Widmer, with similar expected dates of delivery. Tables and chairs have also been rented for the proper socially distanced work space of Temp/Seasonal help at a cost of \$6,292.

New computers necessary for processing increased VBM numbers
Dell Computers, Delivered \$20,999.70

Additional printers and scanners necessary for VBM processing
C.D.W., Delivered \$6,400.95

Networking cost for new computer equipment
ohnston Communications, Installed \$5,706.69

Additional manual time clocks/stamps necessary for
increased VBM processing
Widmer, Delivered \$5,235

	<u>Total cost</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit costs</u>
Personnel	\$275,000	120	\$2,290.00 per
Outreach materials	\$260,000	400,000	\$0.65 per
Equipment	\$38,341.64		
Total	\$573,341.64		

ballots if it may be too late to send via USPS. In addition to equipment costs and cameras, 8-12 employees will be needed for the daily pick up of deposited ballots and monitor drop-off boxes. **These costs are estimated at \$24,000.**

the County is using our contracted Polling Machine mover to make daily pick-ups. The additional cost to the County of this Executive Ordered, Covid-19 related expense for the Primary Election was \$16,355 for 11 days of pick-ups. Extrapolating that number alone to the 37 days of pick-up we will be collecting Dropbox Ballots, brings this number to \$55, 012. Given that there are 12 more boxes for daily pick-up for November, we believe it is fair to conservatively estimate this cost to run in excess of **\$65,000.**

In-person Voting at Polling Places on Election Day

Hudson County is committed to working to secure many fully-staffed polling places on election day. For the primary, we lost over half of Election Day polling locations of our normal 238 planned locations. In the General, we are committed to securing between **105-115 in person polling locations on election day.**

In order to staff these locations, the county will hire 25 to handle recruitment and retention of poll workers, which are key to a smooth, in-person operation. This includes paying out \$13,000 on election day.

The State of New Jersey has committed to providing PPE for Polling stations and Poll Workers on Election day. This does NOT include additional PPE that will be require for the safety of in-house temporary workers that will be processing received ballots prior to. On and after Election Day and Desks and Chairs needed for the proper social distancing at a cost of \$8,615.35.

	<u>Total cost</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit costs</u>
Dropbox Pick-Up/Monitoring	\$89,000	12	\$7,417.00
Poll Worker PPE	\$8,615.35	40	\$215.38
Personnel Costs	\$13,000	25	\$520

Conclusion

The investments outlined above will allow Hudson County to reduce the risk of exposure to coronavirus for voters, election staff and poll workers; identify best practices; innovate to efficiently and effectively educate our residents about how to exercise their right to vote; be intentional and strategic in reaching our historically disenfranchised residents and communities; and, above all, ensure the right to vote in a diversity of communities throughout the county. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this request.

**BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
COUNTY OF HUDSON**

RESOLUTION

No. 549-9-2020

On Motion of Freeholder Walker

Seconded by Freeholder O'Dea

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO
APPLY FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE GRANT
ISSUED BY THE CENTER FOR TECH AND CIVIC LIFE
ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Hudson County Board of Elections is one of the County Departments responsible for election related services; and

WHEREAS, due to the Governor's Executive Order, all registered voters in Hudson County will receive a Vote-By-Mail ballot for the November 3, 2020 general election in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, grant money is needed for seasonal staffing, drop boxes, high volume ballot opener/time stamper, secured receptacles for poll locations to secure collection and transportation of the Vote-By-Mail ballots and printers and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Tech and Civic Life has committed \$300 million dollars to promote safe and reliable voting in states and localities during the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections is interested in applying for and accepting grant funds from the Center for Tech and Civic Life for the above described purpose; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial for the County to obtain these grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hudson, that:

1. The aforesaid recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Board hereby authorizes the County Executive, Thomas A. DeGise, or County Administrator, Abraham Antun, or Deputy County Administrator, David B. Drumeler, or their lawfully appointed designee, to execute any and all documents and take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this Resolution.
3. The Board hereby approves the application to the Center for Tech and Civic Life for election-related grant funds and the County will accept any grant funds awarded.

BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS COUNTY OF HUDSON

RESOLUTION

No.

On Motion of Freeholder _____

Seconded by Freeholder _____

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Freeholder	Aye	Nay	Abst	N.P.	Freeholder	Aye	Nay	Abst	N.P.
Walker	✓				Cedeno	✓			
Cifelli	✓				Rodriguez	✓			
Kopacz	✓				Romano	✓			
Torres	✓				Chairperson Vainieri	✓			
O'Dea	✓								

It is hereby certified that at a regular meeting of the Board of Freeholders of the County of Hudson held on the 14th day of Sept. A.D. 2020, the foregoing resolution was adopted with 9 members voting in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM

BY: DONATO J. BATTISTA
HUDSON COUNTY COUNSEL

Source: Hudson County Board of Elections
RM:dmg

Clerk

RESOLUTION FACT SHEET

Date:	April 7, 2021
Department of Origin:	Hudson County Board of Elections
Division:	Elections
Nature of Resolution:	Resolution authorizing the purchase of ten secure election vote by mail drop boxes from American Security Cabinets, LLC in the Amount of <u>\$53,510.00</u> Secure Election Drop Boxes beneficial to the growing number of voters in Hudson County
Source of Funding:	Hudson County Board of Elections Account 01-201-29-123-03
Term/Renewal:	N/A
Nature of the contract:	Due to the increased number of vote by mail in ballots and in accordance to the executive order #177 dated in 2020 The Governor has ordered the placement of secured election vote by mail drop boxes placed throughout the county for the deposit of the said VERM's

RATIONALE FOR CONTRACTING/ACTION:

The above secured election vote by mail drop boxes are in addition to the state approved and already placed drop boxes and is beneficial to the conduct of all elections and voters of Hudson County.

This expense is an allowable use of CTCL Grant monies as a COVID-19 related expense.

April 6, 2021

Memo

Re: Requisition # 167880

To: Finance Department

From: Michael Harper, Clerk Board of Elections

The Board asks for your approval of the purchase of ten additional secure election vote by mail drop boxes to reach the number we feel beneficial to the voters of Hudson County.

According to Executive order #177 dated in 2020 the Governor has ordered the placement of secured election VBM drop boxes placed throughout the county for the deposit of said VBM's by voters. The State provided 13 such drop boxes to Hudson County. The County Board of Election purchased/ provided 4 drop boxes, the Board asks for your approval for an additional ten drop boxes to reach the number we feel beneficial to the growing number of voter's voting by mail in Hudson County.

This expense is an allowable use of CTCL Grant monies as a COVID-19 related expense.

John Minella
Chairperson
Paul Costello
Secretary
Janet Larwa
Member
Daniel E. Beckstrom
Member
Peter E. Horton
Member
Daniel Miquell
Member
Michael H. Harper
Clerk

DETERMINATION OF VALUE CERTIFICATION

Michael H. Harper, being the Clerk of the Hudson County Board of Election,
does hereby certify that the total value of the contract proposed for award to
American Security Cabinets for (\$53,810.00.) DOLLARS.

I am fully aware that if I have misrepresented, in whole or in part, any
statement in this Certification, I will be liable for any penalty permitted under law.



Michael H. Harper, Clerk
Hudson County Board of Elections

New proposal # Pig 167880
4/6/21 DC



BALLOT DROP PROPOSAL

/ EXCLUSIVELY FOR
Hudson County Board of Elections

/ PREPARED BY
Samantha McManis
smcmans1@ascabiz.com
American Security Cabinets

your Summary

Quote #: QU02280

4/17/2021	4/30/2021				

10	BAL-810-SS-OHC-TC Bullet 810-SS Exterior w/ Transfer Cart American Bullet Drop Model 810 Stainless Steel One-Hand-Choice with a Lockable Transfer Cart.	\$2,855.00		\$28,550.00
10	BAL-810-SS-OHC Kiosk Model 810 SS One-Hand-Choice Kiosk American Security Cabinets Model 810 Stainless Steel One-Hand-Choice.	\$1,134.00		\$22,480.00
20	BAL-810-TC Bullet 810 Locking Transfer Cart American Security Cabinets Bullet Drop Model 810 Locking Transfer Cart.	\$0.00		\$0.00
10	BAL-8-810-CPB Bullet 810-OHC Custom Pinned Graphics Set of Custom Pinned Media Graphics for the BAL-810-SS-OHC Kiosk	\$200.00		\$2,000.00
10	Freight W/LB-Case Freight with L.B-Case Service	\$178.00		\$1,780.00
10	Freight Freight for extra cart			\$23,810.00

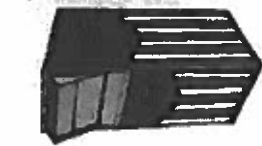
Subtotal	\$63,810.00
Shipping Cost	\$0.00
Tax Total (%)	\$0.00
Total	\$63,810.00

Signature:

Date:

Return Policy

additional Products + Services



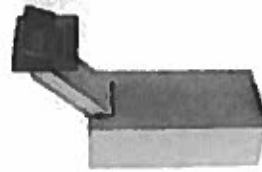
Ballot Drops



Book Drops



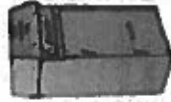
Flag Drops



Payment Drops



Drug & Amnesty Drops



Document Drops



REQUISITION

1 of 2

REQUISITION NUMBER

167880

COUNTY OF HUDSON
ADMINISTRATION ANNEX

967 Pavonia Ave
JERSEY CITY NJ 07306
201-795-6000
FAX:

TAX ID: 226003443

421946

AMERICAN SECURITY CABINETS, LLC
6321 BURY DRIVE
SUITE 19
EDEN PRARIE MN 55346
SAMANTHA McKEON

HUDSON PLAZA
257 CORNELISON AVE
JERSEY CITY NJ 07302

REQ DATE

3/22/2021

CONTRACT NO.

QUOTE

DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

CREATED BY

dcusaggl

DESCRIPTION / SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

ASTM: D688A/ NO. OF ELECTIONS

ACCOUNT	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
0120120123035621	10.000	0.000	0.00
BAL --810--SS-OHC-TC Ballot 810-SS Exterior w/Transfer Cart American Ballot Drop Model 810 Stainless Steel One-Hand-Chute with a Lockable Transfer Cart.			
0120120123035621	10.000	2655.000	26,550.00
BAL-810-SS-OHC Kiosk Model 810 SS One-Hand-Chute Kiosk American Security Cabinets Model 810 Stainless Steel One-Hand-Chute.			
0120120123035621	20.000	1124.000	22,480.00
BAL-810-TC Ballot 810 Locking Transfer Cart American Security cabinets Ballot Drop Model 810 Locking Transfer Cart.			
0120120123035621	10.000	0.000	0.00
BAL-S-810-CFG-Ballot 810-OHC Custom Printed Graphics Set of Custom Printed Matte Graphics for the BAL-810-SS-OHC Kiosk			
0120120123035621	10.000	300.000	3,000.00
Freight w/Lift-Gate - Freight with Lift-Gate Service			

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Continued...

REQUIRES ADDITIONAL QUOTES. OR Reimbursable to CTEC Grant mailly
Added line on account 01-201-30-123-43-4431 for 11240.00

APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE

DATE

DATE

THIS IS NOT A PURCHASE ORDER

REQUISITION

2 of 2

REQUISITION NUMBER

167880

COUNTY OF HUDSON
ADMINISTRATION ANNEX

567 Pavonia Ave
JERSEY CITY NJ 07306
201-796-6000
FAX:

TAX ID: 226002443

REQ DATE

3/22/2021

CONTRACT NO.

QUOTE

CREATED BY

clausgjl

DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

421946
AMERICAN SECURITY CABINETS, LLC
6321 BURY DRIVE
SUITE 19
EDEN PRARIE MN 55346
SAMANTHA MCNARON

HUDSON PLAZA
257 CORNELISON AVE
JERSEY CITY NJ 07302

REQUISITION / SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

ATTN: DEBRA/ ED. OF ELECTIONS

ACCOUNT	QUANTITY	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
0120120123035624	10.000		Freight for extra cart (Attached - Ballot Drop Proposal Quote # 0002280)	176.000	1,760.00
NO Total					53,810.00

REQUIRES ELECTRONIC ORDER. IN Reimbursable to CTCR Grant mailkey
Added Item on account 01-001-00-123-03-0021 for 11260.00

APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE

DATE

DATE

THIS IS NOT A PURCHASE ORDER

APPROVAL ROUTING FORM [ARF #] _____

STATUS: URGENT _____ PRIORITY: _____ ROUTINE _____
 USE: Confidentiality CO. EXECUTIVE: _____ BID: _____ OTHER: _____

PART I - GENERAL APPROVALS

PREPARED BY: Debra Cusaglio 04/14/2021
 DATE

DEPT/DIV: Board of Elections Dik #10
 DESCRIPTION: Architizing the purchase of ten secure elections vote by mail drop boxes from American Security Cabinets, LLC
 (OVER, IF NEEDED)

PROP. TERM: FROM _____ TO _____ CONTRACT TYPE: GPA _____ CONST. _____ PROF. _____
 REQUISITION #: 167880 EST. AMT: \$56,810 R.F.P. _____ OTHER _____

ACCT. #: 01-201-20-123-03 DIVISION CHIEF: [Signature] 04/14/2021
 COST CODE #: 5621 DATE

ITEM #: _____ DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR: [Signature] 04/14/2021
 DATE

PART II - COMPETITIVE BID: - BID ONLY SECTION -

APPROVAL - PURCHASING AGENT

_____ DATE

SUFFICIENCY OF FUNDS:

_____ DATE

SPECS. APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

_____ DATE

AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED:

_____ DATE

COMPETITIVE BID RECOMMENDATION:

BID # _____ OPENING HELD ON _____ APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM: _____

REVIEWED BIDS AND RECOMMENDATION AWARD TO THE FOLLOWING:

CONTRACTOR:

ADDRESS:

AMOUNT: \$ _____

(TOTAL FOR MULTIPLE CONTRACTS ON REVERSE)

COUNTY ENGINEER
(CONSTRUCTION ONLY)

DATE

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR
(ENGINEER & PLANNING DIRECTOR FOR CONSTRUCTION)

DATE

GEN. PURCHASING AGENT

DATE

[illegible][illegible]

RE: 167898

Sharon Mallory

Tue 4/6/2021 12:19 PM

To: Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>;

Pls. call me 6121

Sharon Mallory
Assistant Purchasing Agent

From: Debra Cuseglio
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 11:45 AM
To: Sharon Mallory <smallory@hcnj.us>
Subject: Re: 167898

Hello Sharon

Please find attached the memo for Requisition # 167898

Thank you,
Debra

From: Sharon Mallory
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 8:58:17 AM
To: Debra Cuseglio
Subject: 167898

Good Day Debra,

The attached rec requires a memo to move forward with purchase.

Thank you.

Sharon Mallory/Assistant Purchasing Agent

Hudson County

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

March 6, 2021

Memo

Re: Requisition # 167898

To: Finance Department

From: Michael Harper, Clerk, Board of Elections

The Board asks for your approval to purchase an additional High Volume IM-306 Mail Opener/Time Stamper Machine in preparation for the increase of paper ballots expected for all Elections, due to the Governor's Executive Order # 177 dated in 2020.

This equipment will allow the Board to drastically increase it's productivity and speed of processing incoming vote by mail ballots.

This expense is an allowable use of CTCL Grant monies as a COVID-19 related expense.

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REQUISITION

1 of 1

NOT A PO

COUNTY OF HUDSON
ADMINISTRATION ANNEX
567 Pavonia Ave
JERSEY CITY NJ 07306
201-795-6000
FAX:
TAX ID: 226002443

PO DATE CONTRACT NO.

REQ NO. DEPARTMENT
167898 BOARD OF ELECTIONS

6567
QUADIENT, INC
478 WHEELERS FARMS ROAD
MILLFORD CT 06461
UREL DUNCAN

HUDSON PLAZA
257 CORNELISON AVE
JERSEY CITY NJ 07302

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

ATTN: DEBRA/ BD OF ELECTIONS

ACCOUNT	QUANTITY	UNIT	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
0120120123035621	1.000		High Volume, High Speed Envelope Opening Solution. OPEX IM-306 Mail Opener Configuration: ITEM # IM - 306CONV (Production oriented mailing cutter technology w/conveyor system Load up to 400 envelopes and process them at speeds as high as 40,000 per hour	14039.100	14,039.10
0120120123035621	1.000		ITEM # IM-306INKJET - Messaging module with date & time stamp option	1827.000	1,827.00
0120120123035621	1.000		ITEM # ICPP-15- Power line conditioner	162.000	162.00
0120120123035621	1.000		ITEM # NJOG101 - Versatile paper/envelope jogger option	846.000	846.00
0120120123035621	1.000		2nd year Annual maintenance agreement first year included.	2062.590	2,062.59
BRC ON FILE					18,936.69

THIS IS NOT A PURCHASE ORDER

REQUEST. SM Reimbursable to CTCL Grant

RE: 167880

Sharon Mallory

Tue 4/6/2021 3:56 PM

To: Debra Cuseglio <dcuseglio@hcnj.us>;

Pls. call me ext 6121.

This rec is not covered under state contract. Requires a process.

Sharon Mallory
Assistant Purchasing Agent

From: Debra Cuseglio
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 3:14 PM
To: Sharon Mallory <smallory@hcnj.us>
Subject: Re: 167880

Hello Sharon,

Please find attached the memo for req 167880
Thank you, as always
Debra

From: Sharon Mallory
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:54:37 PM
To: Debra Cuseglio
Subject: FW: 167880

All that is required now is the memo.

Sharon Mallory
Assistant Purchasing Agent

From: Samantha McMahon [mailto:smcmahon@ascabr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 12:53 PM



SAMANTHA MCMAHON Account Executive
office: 866-268-4955 Ext. 131
direct: 952-974-1131
email: smcmahon@ascabr.com



From: Sharon Mallory <smallory@hcnj.us>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 11:34 AM
To: Samantha McMahon <smcmahon@ascabr.com>
Subject: FW: 167880

Good Day Samantha,

Please update your quote changing the quantity on the highlighted item too (20).

Thank you.

Sharon Mallory
Assistant Purchasing Agent

From: Debra Cuseglio
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 12:18 PM
To: Sharon Mallory <smallory@hcnj.us>
Subject: Re: 167880

Hi Sharon,

I made an error in the amount of the third item (BAL-810-TC Ballot Locking Transfer Cart * that amount should have been doubled to 20 Reason: The ballots are picked up in the security transfer cart and replaced with the new security transfer cart.

Please advise can I make a new requisition or can we change that amount to twenty?

Thank you- Debra

From: Sharon Mallory

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April 6, 2021

Memo

Re: Requisition # 167880

To: Finance Department

From: Michael Harper, Clerk Board of Elections

The Board asks for your approval of the purchase of ten additional secure election vote by mail drop boxes to reach the number we feel beneficial to the voters of Hudson County.

According to Executive order #177 dated in 2020 the Governor has ordered the placement of secured election VBM drop boxes placed throughout the county for the deposit of said VBM's by voters. The State provided 13 such drop boxes to Hudson County. The County Board of Election purchased/ provided 4 drop boxes, the Board asks for your approval for an additional ten drop boxes to reach the number we feel beneficial to the growing number of voter's voting by mail in Hudson County.

This expense is an allowable use of CTCL Grant monies as a COVID-19 related expense.

New proposal # Reg 167880
4/6/21 DC



BALLOT DROP PROPOSAL

/ EXCLUSIVELY FOR
Hudson County Board of Elections

/ PREPARED BY
Samantha McMahon
smcmahon@ascabr.com
American Security Cabinets

your Summary

Quote #: QUO2280

Expires	Exp. Close	Project	Partner	Shipping Method
4/17/2021	4/30/2021			

Quantity	Item	Unit	Price	Subtotal
10	BAL-810-SS-OHC-TC Bailot 810-SS Exterior w/ Transfer Cart American Bailot Drop Model 810 Stainless Steel One-Hand-Chute with a Lockable Transfer Cart.			
10	BAL-810-SS-OHC Kloek Model 810 SS One-Hand-Chute Kloek American Security Cabinets Model 810 Stainless Steel One-Hand-Chute.		\$2,855.00	\$28,550.00
20	BAL-810-TC Bailot 810 Locking Transfer Cart American Security Cabinets Bailot Drop Model 810 Locking Transfer Cart.		\$1,124.00	\$22,480.00
10	BAL-S-810-CPG Bailot 810-OHC Custom Printed Graphics Set of Custom Printed Matte Graphics for the BAL-810-SS-OHC Kloek		\$0.00	\$0.00
10	Freight W/Lit-Gate Freight with Lit-Gate Service		\$300.00	\$3,000.00
10	Freight Freight for extra cart		\$178.00	\$1,780.00
				\$53,810.00

Subtotal \$53,810.00
Shipping Cost \$0.00

Signature:

Date:

Return Policy