

# County of El Dorado

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## Legislation Text

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Chief Administrative Office and Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Division, recommending the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution **138-2020** authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to sign agreements and amendments related to the COVID-19 public health emergency and bring forward said agreements or amendments to the Board within 30 days of execution for approval and ratification of the CAO's signature.

**FUNDING:** CARES Act Funding, FEMA. **DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND** 

On March 18, 2020, the Governor of the State of California executed Executive Order N-32-20 declaring that the COVID-19 emergency required a focused approach that would include emergency protective measures to bring "unsheltered Californians safely indoors, expand shelter capacity, maintain health and sanitation standards and institute medically indicated interventions" to slow the spread of the pandemic.

In response to this rapidly changing situation, the Health and Human Services Agency and Chief Administrative Office are recommending the Board adopt the attached Resolution, thereby delegating authority to the Chief Administrative Officer, to execute agreements and authorize appropriate expenditures pertaining to COVID-19 testing of individuals in the County of El Dorado. These services will also cover testing required by the El Dorado County Office of Education.

Due to the need to get services in place as soon as possible and with no regular Board meetings between September 1, 2020 and September 22, 2020, the Chief Administrative Office and Health and Human Services Agency is requesting flexibility to allow the Chief Administrative Officer to sign agreements and amendments related to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Any agreements or amendments signed by the Chief Administrative Officer will be brought back to the Board within 30 days of execution for approval and ratification.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

The Board could choose not to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to sign these agreements which would then require the agreements to go to the Board for approval which will delay the process; impact public safety and possibly result in a loss of CARES act funding.

#### PRIOR BOARD ACTION

08/04/2020 - Legistar 20-1013 - CARES Act Spending Plan

#### OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

El Dorado County Office of Education

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact to this action. Funding for these contracts is included in the CARES Act Spending Plan adopted by the Board on August 4, 2020.

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#### **CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS**

Forward one copy of the fully executed resolution to the Chief Administrative Office

#### STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

Healthy Communities and Good Governance by increasing efficiency to provide for essential public health protection.

### **CONTACT**

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