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**Regular Meeting**  
**Public Comment -**  
**Email**

**Item 9A.**

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**Subject:** Public comment on PUBLIC HEARING: Community Development Block Grant CV-1 Application Amendment

**[EXTERNAL EMAIL]**

When this was first brought to the board in October 2020, Jeff Simpson and Alicia Vennos, wanted to create a Microenterprise Financial and Technical Assistance program with this money.. a slimy attempt to skim some money out of the pot in the guise of administration fees helping microenterprises. It's worth noting that there were no takers in the last 2 years. hmmm, wonder what happened there? The Board unanimously approved this application, yet not a single microenterprise needed this funding over the last two years? This was the county's first attempt to use CARES ACT funds during the alleged Covid-19 pandemic and you unanimously voted to use it for a program that went unused for two years. A perfect example that highlights the boards incompetence.

Your first priority to spend CARES Act funds, and it had nothing to do with emergency conditions whatsoever... wonder why that was? Oh yeah, that's right, there were no emergency conditions in the county occurring due to Covid-19 .. only illegal and stupid government policies causing all the problems.

The boards first attempt to use CARES Act funds did not meet the requirements of the CARES Act, an act of fraud.

Now, two years later, once again, the use of these funds do not meet the requirements of the CARES Act.

Why? This \$64,484.00 of CV1 funds was allocated to the county government and therefore has specific requirements for how this money may be used.

The funds MUST be used for necessary expenditures ONLY.

The word "Necessary" in this case, pertains to medical or public health needs as a consequence of emergency conditions due to Covid-19.. of which there were none and are none.

Secondly, the funds must be used as a result of expenses incurred due to emergency conditions.. again, there are no longer are and never were such emergency conditions that allow for this money to be allocated.

Amending this application from a microenterprise grant program to small business forgivable loans effectively resets the timeline for when this \$64,484.00 was made available. There are no businesses currently incurring losses due to Covid-19 and no necessary conditions exist because all the government policies which caused business to incur losses in the first place are no longer applicable.

The fact is, using this money now, as it was initially, is fraud, there are no emergency conditions in this county due to Covid-19. There are no necessary expenditures for these funds nor are any losses being incurred from Covid-19.

The appropriate action here is to admit you guys screwed up, businesses lost out on this pot of money as a result of your stupidity, greed and corruption, and return the funds to the treasury as required by the CARES Act.

Any businesses, governments, or individual's that end up using this money will be reported for fraud.