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Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Apportionment

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RTD Funding Background

- The March 27, 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act provided RTD with $232.3 million in federal aid which was all drawn in 2020.

- RTD faced an additional $140 million revenue shortfall in 2021 for which the following measures were enacted:
  - Service reductions of 40% including contracted service.
  - Implemented a hiring freeze.
  - Reduction in force of approximately 400 employees.
  - 2021 planned tiered furloughs of six days and pay reductions for non-represented employees.
  - Reduction of retirement contributions and other benefit costs for non-represented employees.
  - Postponement and/or elimination of capital expenditures and state of good repair projects.
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- On January 11, 2021, RTD received notice of its CRRSA apportionment of $203,367,528.
- Funding is on a reimbursement basis and 100% federal with no local match.
- Eligible expenses are payroll and operational costs.
- Additional requirements and guidance from the FTA for drawing funds will be forthcoming.
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RTD has identified the following uses of the CRRSAA funds:

- $180,000,000: Operations funding to restore service up to an additional $30 million per runboard for six runboards or two years beginning June 2021.

- $4,446,809: Restore necessary overtime and extra shift pay, for operational purposes, which was eliminated in the 2021 Budget.

- $1,734,942: Cost of eliminating the planned six furlough days in 2021 for non-represented employees.

- $886,550: Cost of eliminating the tiered salary reductions planned in 2021 for non-represented employees.
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- $2,401,009: Cost to restore the annual opportunity for non-represented staff to sell excess PTO, vacation and sick balances.

- $13,898,218: Remaining funds available for additional uses such as implementing recommendations from the Accountability Committee and State Performance Audit.