



September 14, 2020

Pat Hallisey  
Mayor  
City of League City  
300 W. Walker  
League City, TX 77573

Dear Mayor Hallisey,

We are writing to you today regarding the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds. In July, Dickinson ISD participated in the Operation Connectivity Bulk-Purchase Local Match Program, and we purchased eLearning devices and home internet solutions in order to ensure our students could access remote instruction. Using federal money allocated through CRF, the Texas Education Agency provided a 50% match to our local district funds.

The chart below provides information on the devices purchased, the local district funds that have been paid, and the Texas Education Agency match.

<b>TEA Operation Connectivity Bulk Purchase</b>				
Device	Quantity	Cost per unit	DISD Cost	Total DISD Cost
Verizon Hot Spots – 1 yr.	800	209.00	104.50	83,600.00
HP Pbox360 Laptops	1200	369.00	184.50	221,400.00
HP Chromebooks	345	237.00	118.50	40,882.50
Total DISD local funds				\$345,882.50
TEA 50% Match				\$345,882.50
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>\$691,765.00</b>

By participating in Operation Connectivity, Dickinson ISD is now eligible for additional state Coronavirus Relief Fund matching if we can receive funding from our local city CRF for the bulk order program. This state-implemented local match by TEA will increase fund matching by \$1 for every \$1 of local CRF that our district receives.

We know the Department of Treasury required the City of League City to allocate a minimum of 75% of its allotment for medical expenses, public health expenses, and payroll expenses for employees dedicated to mitigating or responding to the public emergency. The remaining 25% may be spent in any of the categories provided within the Treasury guidance, and this where public education falls.

We are reaching out to you today to see if the City of League City will help us in our efforts to provide access to our students by allocating a portion of your CRF to the local match opportunity by TEA. Bay Colony Elementary, Calder Road Elementary, and the Lobit Education Village are located in League City, and 24.5% of our student enrollment live in League City.

The application for this matching opportunity opened on September 7, and the deadline to submit the completed application to the Texas Education Agency is October 1. The turn-around time is very quick, and TEA has recommended districts submit the application before the deadline.

We are sharing this information with the three cities located within the boundaries of Dickinson ISD who received Coronavirus Relief Funds. For the application, the city and district must enter into a documented agreement stating the amount of city CRF funding approved to be allocated to the district, the purpose, and the timeline. If the funding can be approved by the City of League City and the signed documentation provided by the October 1 deadline or sooner, the matching funding can meet part of our local match requirement for our bulk order purchase.

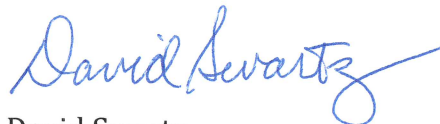
A TEA document regarding Operation Connectivity is attached, and on the following page, examples of the bulk-purchase local match are provided.

We hope you will consider using some of your 25% CRF allocation so that Dickinson ISD can take advantage of this matching reimbursement opportunity. We will be glad to come and meet with you to address any questions you may have, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

With gratitude,



Carla Voelkel  
DISD Superintendent



David Swartz  
President, DISD Board of Trustees

**Dickinson ISD**  
**TEA Operation Connectivity Bulk Purchase Local Match**

Example – 25% bulk-purchase local match

District total bulk order	100,000.00
TEA CRF fund (base match)	50,000.00
District contribution	50,000.00
Local city CRF contribution (paid to District)	25,000.00
TEA state CRF bulk-purchase local match	25,000.00
<b>Final Costs</b>	
TEA CRF fund contributes \$50,000 (District base match) + \$25,000 (local match reimbursement)	
Local city CRF contributes \$25,000.00	
District contributes \$0	

Example – 10% bulk-purchase local match (based on 20.5% enrollment of League City students)

DISD total bulk order	691,765.00
TEA CRF fund (base match)	345,882.50
DISD contribution	345,882.50
10% bulk-purchase local match	69,176.50
City of League City contribution (20.5% enrollment)	14,181.18
TEA state CRF bulk-purchase local match	14,181.18
<b>Final Costs</b>	
TEA CRF fund contributes \$345,882.50 (DISD base match) + \$14,181.18 (local match reimbursement)	
City of League City CRF contributes \$14,181.18	
Dickinson ISD contributes \$317,520.14	

Example – 25% bulk-purchase local match (based on 20.5% enrollment of League City students)

DISD total bulk order	691,765.00
TEA CRF fund (base match)	345,882.50
DISD contribution	345,882.50
25% bulk-purchase local match	172,941.21
City of League City contribution (20.5% enrollment)	35,452.95
TEA state CRF bulk-purchase local match	35,452.95
<b>Final Costs</b>	
TEA CRF fund contributes \$345,882.50 (DISD base match) + \$35,452.95 (local match reimbursement)	
City of League City CRF contributes \$35,452.95	
Dickinson ISD contributes \$274,976.60	