Greenville County is **OPEN** for Business

Greenville County residents and businesses are hurting because of COVID-19, and not just because of how it has made us sick. Before its arrival, our economy was the strongest it has ever been and residents enjoyed record high employment. But when Coronavirus hit our state and forced us to isolate, people lost jobs, businesses lost customers, and our community’s nonprofits served thousands more families in need. Thanks to Greenville County’s first responders, health care providers, and other essential workers, as well as our residents’ efforts to stay home to flatten the curve, it is time to develop a plan to restart our economy.

The CARES Act earmarks funding for a wide variety of essential activities (such as law enforcement, education, and health care), allowing Greenville County to use our $91 million Coronavirus Relief Fund to help us **OPEN for Business**.

**Operate businesses safely: 10%**

Safety and public health are paramount. If we allow businesses to reopen, but their customers and employees do not feel safe, our businesses cannot rebound. We will create a safe environment for residents and visitors with widespread availability of PPE, disinfecting supplies, and training on safety measures so our businesses, governmental entities, and nonprofits can help prevent the spread of Coronavirus.

**Suggested partners:** Representatives from Greenville County, DHEC, Bon Secours St. Francis, Prisma Health, Fountain Inn, Greenville, Greer, Mauldin, Simpsonville, and Travelers Rest. **Suggested administrative lead:** Greenville County.

**Promote and support reopening our businesses: 10%**

Greenville County will be a leader in the state in safely restarting our economy. After promoting safety measures within our business, governmental, and nonprofit community to ensure adoption, we will let community members and potential visitors know that they can and should safely work, shop, and play in Greenville County.

**Suggested partners:** Greenville County, DHEC, Greenville Chamber of Commerce, and cities of Fountain Inn, Greenville, Greer, Mauldin, Simpsonville, and Travelers Rest. **Suggested administrative lead:** GADC.

**Empower our workforce: 40%**

Employers are ready to get back to business, and workers want to return to their jobs. But this will be possible only if child care and out-of-school activities are readily available, public transportation is safely operating, and businesses and nonprofit organizations can be made whole to get back to businesses as usual. In fact, safe reopening may at first not be cost-effective if lower density of customers is necessary.

**Suggested representatives:** Greenville County, GADC, Greenville Chamber, employers of various sizes and sectors with attention to including minority-owned businesses as well as nonprofit organizations. **Administrative lead:** CommunityWorks Carolina.

**Nurture those in need: 30%**

Some of our neighbors have taken a much more significant hit than others as a result of COVID closures. Food pantries, shelters, mental and behavioral health treatment providers, and nonprofit agencies that help our neighbors who are hurting are seeing higher demand than ever. Residents are also struggling with rent and paying bills. By supporting these essential community resources, we can make sure our neighbors are in a position to get back to work.

**Suggested partners:** Greenville County, United Way of Greenville County, Nonprofit Alliance, Greenville Partnership for Philanthropy, Faith-based Roundtable, Greenville Homeless Alliance, Greenville Housing Fund. **Behavioral Health Coalition. Suggested administrative lead:** United Way of Greenville County.