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Forest Park, like many other Cook County suburbs has faced many challenges in formulating a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The elected leadership of Forest Park is pleased that President Preckwinkle and her team put together a comprehensive and equitable process to distribute the federally-sourced Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds to suburban Cook County communities.

At all times, the Village of Forest Park prioritized protecting our residents and our first responders through acquiring necessary equipment as a means to maximizing the safety of persons residing in or doing business in the village. For example, we faced an immediate shortage of PPE. We made a decision to quickly purchase masks, infrared thermometers, and take other measures to protect the village. Additionally, in response to the pandemic, the Village of Forest Park continued most of its operations as we modified the physical make-up of our offices to lessen the potential spread of the novel corona virus (COVID-19).

On behalf of Forest Park, I would like to thank President Preckwinkle and Cook County government for their diligent work in establishing a funding formula to provide interim monetary relief to the municipalities most effected by COVID-19. It is my understanding that Forest Park has been allocated \$295,976.31 which will reimburse the village for any direct COVID-19 related costs like PPE purchases and other operational initiatives to facilitate return of worker. This will be a great relief to Forest Park as we continue to serve our residents.

We fully recognize that we are not out of the pandemic. That said, Forest Park is grateful for the leadership of Cook County Board President Preckwinkle in helping us to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

Respectfully yours,

Rory E. Hoskins, Mayor