



CARES Act Expenditure Plan UPDATE

City Manager's Office

City Council
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BACKGROUND

- On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act into law to provide emergency appropriations during the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).
 - Provided \$2.2 trillion in economic relief
- The State provided a portion of its CARES Act funding to local governments
 - City received \$27,991,888



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CITY COUNCIL ACTION

- Expenditure Plan for CARES Act funding was approved by the City Council on August 4, 2020 with modifications
 - Funding for the Emergency Operations Center Ops Room furniture (\$100,000) and half of the \$2,262,083 designated for computer replacement removed and reallocated equally to the line items for small business and rental assistance.
- City Manager granted the flexibility to reallocate funds from the proposed Expenditure Plan to other similar and eligible uses should feasibility or timeliness concerns arise



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SHELTER/RESPITE BEDS

- Approved allocation: \$2,600,000
- Funds expended: \$1,386,810.59
- Highlights:
 - Partnership with the Illumination Foundation
 - Will provide shelter/recuperative care beds to 50 individuals experiencing homelessness that have been released from local hospitals; allows for the hospital beds to be freed up for COVID-19 efforts.
 - Funding supports acquisition of property and conversion of space (tenant improvements) to facilitate establishment of shelter.



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RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Approved allocation: \$3,615,521.00
- Funds expended: \$400,000.00
- Highlights:
 - Partnership with the Fair Housing Council
 - Interest has not been to the extent expected; unspent funds will be reallocated.
 - As of November 6: 132 tenants have qualified for assistance, and 124 applications are pending review. An additional 52 applications are pending the submittal of additional documents.
 - 2,316 application packets/flyers have been distributed and 211 calls have been received.



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SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

- Approved allocation: \$3,615,521.00
- Funds expended: \$2,457,250.00
- Highlights:
 - Partnership with the United Way of the Inland Valleys
 - This program is oversubscribed based on the applications received
 - As of November 6: There have been 1,247 applications submitted, with 553 applications currently under review; an additional 17 applications are in the queue for review. 250 applications have been approved.



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NON-PROFIT ASSISTANCE GRANTS

- Approved allocation: \$1,500,000.00
- Funds expended: \$1,455,488.55
- Highlights:
 - Administered by City staff
 - As of November 6: There have been 192 applications approved



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FOOD RESILIENCY PROGRAMS

- Approved allocation: \$3,000,000.00
- Funds expended: \$1,066,397.98
- Highlights (as of November 6):
 - In partnership with the Riverside Unified School District Nutrition Services Food Hub, 22,053 food boxes have been distributed. Staff estimates that at least 33,690 food boxes for families and 19,500 food boxes for seniors will be distributed through December 2020.
 - 500 Seniors/vulnerable population have registered for door-to-door delivery service of food boxes. Staff continues to accept registrations as interest remains high.
 - Senior Grab N Go Program: Offered at four locations throughout the community, provides breakfast and dinner. More than 5,300 meals have been served and distributed; averaging more than 670 per week. This is programmed to continue through December 2020.



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SUPPORT TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- Approved allocation: \$2,500,000.00
- Funds expended: \$858,832.27
- Highlights (as of November 6):
 - Providing childcare assistance at 7 existing facilities throughout the community, with the ability to serve 135 children. Programmed to continue through December 2020.
 - Provided small grants to 42 licensed childcare providers throughout the City, to purchase cleaning supplies, thermometers, and equipment
 - Monthly distribution of diapers and baby formula
 - 600 activity boxes for children are being distributed with virtual meetings. Programs are seeing an increased interest. Programmed to continue through December 2020.



Virtual 5k, Family STEM night, Pre-school programming

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CITY TEAM

- To date, more than 150 staff members have worked on implementing the CARES Act Expenditure Plan
 - Several City departments involved
 - Created multi-departmental teams
 - 11,300+ staff hours



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RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council receive an update on the implementation of the approved Expenditure Plan for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding.

