

RESOLUTION NO. 20200604-040

WHEREAS, the City of Austin, Travis County, and the State of Texas issued disaster declarations relative to each jurisdiction in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in order to protect public health; and

WHEREAS, the United States government has provided certain funds to aid the City in addressing unforeseen financial needs and risks created by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, Austin City Council has passed resolutions and ordinances to allocate and appropriate funds to provide a plethora of relief services and assistance to Austin residents to address both the needs and risks created by this public health emergency as well as to provide longer-term resiliency for Austin residents to help support the health of Austin residents and the Austin economy; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has introduced a spending framework in response to Council Resolution No. 20200507-060 to outline plans to use Federal funds and City funds to provide for the most effective and responsible use of these funds; **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The Council authorizes the City Manager to use both Federal funds and City funds in substantially the categories and allotments reflected in Exhibit A, the City Manager's spending framework.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

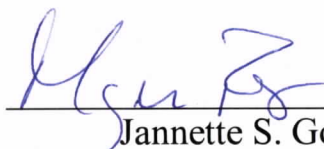
The Council authorizes the City Manager to use the funds flexibly so as to maximize the lawful use of the Federal funds within the framework established by the applicable Federal programs, and then to use City funds to the extent needed to address needs that Council has prioritized but that are not funded by the Federal programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Council authorizes the City Manager to take such actions as are reasonable and consistent with Council's prior actions to maintain the City's reserves at a minimum of 12% consistent with previously approved City Financial Policies. If the City Manager is unable to maintain the reserves at this minimum, Council authorizes the City Manager to provide the explanation and plan to return to the minimum in the form of a memo to Mayor and Council.

ADOPTED: June 4, 2020

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

for

COVID-19 Spending Framework

Exhibit A

Emergency Response: \$105.5 Million Estimate

Program	Details	Target Population	Funding Sources	Timeline	Estimate*
Covid-19 Emergency Management	Emergency Operations Center activation, direct pandemic response, and operational adjustments necessary for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic		FEMA; Justice Assistance Grant Operating Funds	March 1 - December 31	\$30M
Department operating expenses substantially dedicated to Covid-19 response	Payroll expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency		CRF	March 1 - December 30	\$68M
Emergency Response Contingency	Contingency for disallowed expenditures by grantors and higher than projected COVID-19 department expenses		CRF	March 1 - December 30	\$7.5M
Total Emergency Response					\$105.5M

Medical and Public Health Needs: \$62.9 Million Estimate

Program	Details	Target Population	Funding Sources	Timeline	Estimate*
Protection of Vulnerable Populations	Support for preventing and reducing the risk and incidence of spread of COVID-19; nursing home worker assistance; nursing home study; testing	Residents of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and long-term care facilities; people experiencing homelessness; seniors; populations with underlying health conditions	FEMA; CRF; General Fund; CDBG; ESG; HOPWA; Ryan White; EMS Grant	May 1 - December 31	\$7.1M
Testing	Costs of providing COVID-19 testing, including Public Health laboratory, testing, and equipment	Community members; first responders	FEMA; CRF; General Fund	June 1 - December 30	\$4.5M
Epidemiology Response	Includes case investigation, contact tracing, and active monitoring		FEMA; CRF; General Fund	June 1 - December 30	\$4.7M
Planning & Research	Activities designed to study approaches to create greater resiliency in the community		FEMA; CRF; General Fund	June 1 - December 30	\$1.7M
Shelters & Quarantine Facilities	Emergency housing, supportive housing, and isolation of individuals related to the COVID-19 pandemic and supportive services	Individuals who do not have the ability to self-isolate during the COVID-19 pandemic	FEMA; CRF; General Fund	June 1 - December 30	\$14.5M
Public Health & Safety Measures	APH facility renovation funds to modify lobbies and reception areas; behavioral health/counseling support; sanitization		FEMA; CRF; General Fund	June 1 - December 30	\$2.9M
Miscellaneous Items	Education and outreach; expenses for acquisition and distribution of medical and protective supplies, including sanitizing products and personal protective equipment; software; teleworking and distance learning		FEMA; CRF; General Fund	June 1 - December 30	\$2.5M
Public Health Contingency	Funding for additional medical and public health expenses that may be needed to combat the pandemic		CRF	March 1 - December 30	\$25M
Total Medical and Public Health Needs					\$62.9M

* Subject to change. Estimates are inclusive of prior Council actions.

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Economic Support: \$103.2 Million Estimate

Program	Details	Target Population	Funding Sources	Timeline	Estimate*	Amendment	New Estimate	Funding Notes
Financial and Other Direct Support	Immediate financial support for individuals; APH gift cards	Vulnerable populations; Individuals who are waiting for test results and/or test positive	CRF; General Fund	June 1 - December 30	\$15.5M	\$12M	\$27.5M	\$19.6M from RISE
Small Business Assistance	Grants and loans to businesses for COVID-recovery purposes	Small businesses, prioritizing businesses from Austin's most vulnerable communities	CRF; General Fund	Grants deployed June and July	\$23.5M	(\$6.5M)	\$17M	\$10M from CLEAR
Non-profit Assistance	Sustainability, operational, technical, or crisis support for organizations focused on health and human services, workforce development, social/legal services, education, arts and culture, and environment and animals	Locally based organizations (primarily within the city of Austin, Texas) classified as a "public charity" with tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) and 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Service Code that have been in existence for three or more years that have been impacted by COVID-19	CRF; General Fund	Grants deployed June and July	\$7M	(\$6.5M)	\$6.35M	\$6M from ANCHOR
Creative Sector Assistance	Mini-grants to individual creative-sector workers, to sustain Austin's music industry, and to provide rental/mortgage relief and other assistance	Low- to moderate-income creative-sector independent workers; local musicians, live music venues, and professionals within music-related industries	CRF; General Fund	Grants deployed June and July	\$8.5M	(\$3.5M)	\$5M	\$1.5M from the Music Disaster Relief Fund; \$1M from the Austin Artist Disaster Relief Fund
Technical Assistance	Classes, workshops, and individual coaching for grantees' relevant needs (e.g., Board training support, lease terms assistance, business legal assistance, business model retooling)	Available first to current grant awardees; Open to broader audiences as capacity allows	CRF; General Fund	Training can be delivered throughout the grant period (through 12/30/2020)	\$1M	(\$0.5M)	\$0.5M	
Childcare Service Provider Assistance	Grants to childcare centers in Austin; grants capped at \$20,000, which would allow support for 50 childcare centers	Childcare centers that serve families that receive childcare subsidies; have at least a 2-star rating under the Texas Rising Star system; have not already received PPP funds; have been impacted by COVID-19; have virus mitigation and protective equipment needs	CRF; General Fund; CDBG	Grants deployed late May	\$2M			\$1M from the Childcare Support Fund
Worker and Customer Safety	Grants for the procurement of personal protective equipment and the modification of businesses to COVID-compliant standards for safe re-opening	Targeted to customer-facing retail & services, food, and manufacturing facilities	CRF; General Fund	Grants deployed in June	\$1M			\$1M from CLEAR
	Contract with counseling services provider to expand access for workers dealing with COVID-related mental health challenges (Employee Medical Assistance Program)	Targeted to low-and moderate-income employees in customer-facing industries (e.g., food service, retail, personal services)	CRF; General Fund	Services delivered through 12/30/2020	\$1.5M			
Food Assistance	Direct and contracted food provision to address food insecurity created by COVID-19; expenses for food delivery to residents	Caregiver meals delivered through Austin ISD and Del Valle ISD school meal distribution sites; vulnerable populations	CRF; General Fund	June 1 - December 30	\$5.4M			\$2.2M from RISE; \$2.2M approved by Ordinance 20200507-058
Rental Assistance	Payment of rent directly to landlords on behalf of tenants; legal outreach and defense	Households under 80% of median family income who have been impacted by COVID-19	CRF; General Fund; CDBG-CV; ESG; HOPWA	June-December 2020	\$23.8M	\$0.15M	\$23.95M	\$5.2M from RISE
	Grants to landlords that agree to enter into long-term leases with tenants that deliver community benefits (Long-Term Lease Stability Fund)		CRF; General Fund	Grants deployed June and July	\$2M	(\$1M)	\$1M	

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Program	Details	Target Population	Funding Sources	Timeline	Estimate*	Amendment	New Estimate	Funding Notes
Utility Bill Assistance	Suspension of utility disconnects and late fees; reduction of certain water and electric rates; increased discount provided through the customer assistance program (CAP); and expanded CAP eligibility	Utility customers	Austin Energy; Austin Water	March 15 - September 30	\$10M			\$10M approved by Ordinance 20200409-083
Workforce Development	Training and skills development; Austin Civilian Conservation Corp		CRF; Operating Funds; Regional Partners	July 1 - December 31	\$2M			Austin Civilian Conservation Corp Resolution 20200507-061
Total Economic Support					\$103.2M	\$0	\$103.2M	

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Total Spending Framework Estimate	\$271.6 M	\$0	\$271.6 M
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