

City of Austin Covid-19 Budget Update

Federal Funding Sources and Spending Framework

May 5, 2020

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CARES Act Program	Amount	Purpose/Uses/Limitations
Coronavirus Relief Fund	\$170.8 million	 Medical or public health needs due to the emergency Economic support for those impacted by business interruptions Payroll costs of staff substantially dedicated to Covid-19 response Costs must be incurred between March 1 and December 30, 2020 No supplanting of budgeted expenditures (with above exception) Cannot be used for revenue replacement
Community Develop. Block Grant	\$4.6 million	 Public services including emergency rental assistance, child care, job training, and meals Economic development assistance including grants or loans Acquisition and improvement of land or buildings for affordable housing or other public uses
Homeless Emergency Solutions Grant	\$2.4 million	 Emergency shelter operations Hand sanitizer and masks Case management including coordination of medical care

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Ryan White Grant (Parts A and C)	\$415,000	 Increased clinic operating hours Increased staff costs including overtime Services that support social distancing
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	\$272,000	 Housing facility operating costs Costs for short-term hotel stays Access to food, medication, and medical care
Byrne JAG	\$885,000	 Overtime related to crisis response Law enforcement and medical personal protective equipment Training and travel expenses (related to distribution of resources)
Airport Improvement	\$58.7 million	Airport capital, operating, and debt service expenses

Other Local Agencies

Agency	Funding Amounts	
Travis County	 \$61 million – Coronavirus Relief Fund \$700,000 – Community Development Block Grant \$154,000 – Byrne JAG 	
Williamson County	 \$93.3 million – Coronavirus Relief Fund \$938,000 – Community Development Block Grant \$40,000 – Byrne JAG 	
Capital Metro	• \$104.1 million – Federal Transit Administration	
Central Health	 \$3.7 million – Public Health & Emergency Fund \$241,000 – Community Health Centers 	
People's Clinic	 \$1 million – Public Health Emergency Fund \$79,000 – Community Health Centers 	

Other Grant Opportunities Available to the City of Austin

- National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities
- Grants to Libraries and Museums
- Economic Development Administration (Department of Commerce)
- Assistance to Firefighters Grant (FEMA)
- Disaster Relief Fund (FEMA)
- Emergency Management Performance Grants (FEMA)

Coronavirus Relief Fund – Treasury Department Guidance

- Medical expenses
- Public health expenses
- Payroll expenses for services substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency
 - "...in light of the emergency nature of this program, a government may presume that payroll costs for public health and public safety employees are payments for services substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency..." (from a Treasury Department FAQ response)
- To facilitate compliance with COVID related health measures
- Economic support for business

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Federal Cost Share 75%; Local Cost Share 25%

- Examples of Eligible Expenses
 - Emergency operations center, event-specific training, and technical assistance
 - Disinfection of public facilities
 - Medically necessary testing and diagnosis
 - Emergency medical treatment and transportation of Covid-19 patients
 - Purchase of food, water, ice, and medicine
 - Purchase of personal protective equipment and medical equipment
 - Temporary medical and quarantine facilities
 - Security and law enforcement
 - Communications of general health and safety information to the public



Emergency Response

- Event management
- Food for emergency responders
- Overtime
- Payroll expenses of certain staff
- Storage

- Training
- Transportation
- Travel
- Public information/language access

Medical and Public Health Needs

- Enforcement and compliance
- Epidemiology response Includes case investigation, contact tracing, and active monitoring
- Medical equipment and supplies
- Other prevention activities
- Paid sick and paid FMLA for public employees
- Personal protective equipment
- Planning and research
- Protection of vulnerable populations

- Public hygiene
- Public Health and safety measures
- Relocation services
- Sanitization
- Shelter support
- Shelters and quarantine facilities
- Telehealth
- Teleworking/distance learning
- Recovery efforts
- Public Health Laboratory, testing and equipment

Economic Support

- Business assistance
- Childcare assistance
- Culture, arts, and music assistance
- Eviction counseling services
- Food assistance
- Loans and grants

- Non-profit assistance
- Other assistance
- Other economic stabilization
- Rental assistance
- Utility assistance



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Considerations for Federal Funds

CATEGORIES OF SUPPORT	CONCEPTUAL USES	
Employee Health	 Health initiatives that keep employees and the public safe: Ramp up contact tracing Invest more in COVID-19 testing Provide masks, sanitizer, etc. to individuals who are required to return to work Provide guidance to businesses on how to protect their employees 	
Employment Security	 Workforce development that supports employees: Invest in capital for business adaptations so employees can keep their jobs Provide training to work from home Connect employers to safety equipment for their employees Provide guidance on how to open without risking employee and customer health 	

Prioritize assistance to individuals who must work. These individuals are disproportionately residents of color and paid lower wages.

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