

Coronavirus Relief Funds – Deployment Update

City Council Update

October 2020





Overall Allocation Updates by Category

- Confident the City will deploy all Coronavirus Relief Funds within the required timeframe of December 30, 2020
- Natural delay in obligations and expenditures due to contract development, execution, and invoicing timelines
- Will continuously monitor and further revise allocations as needed to meet deadlines

Category	Allocations	Obligations	Expenditures	Deployment Notes
Medical Expenses (e.g. public hospitals, testing, tracing)	\$8,000,000 (Original) \$7,800,000 (Revised)	\$0.00	\$0.00	Contract for \$7.7M with Fulton County Board of Health for tracing; \$100K for Testing of Essential Employees
Public Health Expenses (e.g. communication, PPE, technical assistance)	\$4,500,000 (Original) \$715,000 (Revised)	\$135,080	\$57,087	Multi-lingual communications outreach plan; PPE; temperature kiosks
Payroll Expenses (e.g. pay for public safety and health)	\$13,184,611 (Original) \$15,005,920 (Revised)	\$13,184,611	\$13,184,611	Focused on employee hazard pay
Actions to Facilitate Compliance with COVID-19-Related Public Health Measures (e.g. food, distance learning, telework, homelessness)	\$14,750,000 (Original) \$16,913,691 (Revised)	\$7,950,801	\$3,746,348	Contracts for \$8.75M to shelter and house the homeless; Computer equipment for youth in learning programs; Contracts with food vendors to deliver meals to seniors; Telework equipment for employees
Provision of Economic Support (small business, emergency assistance)	\$44,000,000 (Original)	\$44,000,000	\$5,787,968	Contracts with United Way for \$22M housing assistance program and Invest Atlanta for \$22M small business assistance program
Any Other Reasonable Related Expense	\$4,000,000 (Original)	\$0.00	\$0.00	Focused on advisory and compliance expenses and FEMA match requirements
TOTAL	\$88,434,611	\$65,270,492	\$22,776,014	

Review of Best Practices from Major Cities



- A review of programs from other major cities was conducted to determine if other approaches should be considered during the reallocation process
- In general, most cities nationwide have implemented programs similar to those currently offered in Atlanta to address COVID-19's health and economic impacts:
 - Rental and mortgage assistance
 - Food security programs
 - Public health activities
 - Technology devices/internet access
 - Grants and technical support for small businesses
- Additionally, many cities have faced similar challenges when it comes to distributing CRF funds, including but not limited to:
 - Evolving federal guidance on the appropriate use of CRF funds
 - Lack of clarity around when/if future relief packages for local governments are forthcoming
 - Burdensome reporting requirements from the Department of Treasury
 - Looming deadlines for appropriating funds
 - Strict procurement/legislative requirements for appropriating funds



Governance and Next Steps

- Oversight and coordination for deployment of the funds will continue at the program and project level, including external consulting support:
 - Weekly Coronavirus Relief Fund program update meeting
 - Bi-weekly COVID-19 Cost Recovery Governance Committee
 - Department of Finance reports to City Council
- Based upon spend down rates, additional decisions will be made on reallocations by December 1st, with a focus on remaining funds being utilized on eligible payroll expenses
- There is a chance that the Department of Treasury will extend the timeline for deployment, but current planning is focused on a deadline of December 30th