

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



Appendix



Allocation Updates by Subcategory

Subcategory	Allocations	Obligations	Expenditures	Deployment Notes
Expenses for care for homeless populations provided to mitigate COVID-19 effects and enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.	\$7,000,000 (Original) \$8,750,123 (Revised)	\$3,000,000	\$1,015,392.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$3M contract with a hotel to provide shelter for high-risk people experiencing homelessness – contract executed \$5.75M contract with Partners for HOME for rental assistance, diversion, and hotel operations support – contract routing for signatures
Expenses to improve telework capabilities for public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.	\$3,750,000 (Original) \$4,200,000 (Revised)	\$2,446,420.24	\$1,821,181.89	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contracts supporting the purchase of hardware and software that supports improved telework capabilities for employees Additional funding will further support those efforts to improve remote capabilities
Expenses for food delivery to residents, including, for example, senior citizens and other vulnerable populations, to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.	\$2,500,000	\$1,606,261.56	\$909,773.63	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contracts with service providers to deliver meals to seniors – contracts executed Supports expenses associated with providing meals to people experiencing homelessness
Expenses to facilitate distance learning, including technological improvements, in connection with school closings to enable compliance with COVID-19 precautions.	\$500,000 (Original) \$463,568 (Revised)	\$244,877.95	\$0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract to purchase equipment supporting distance learning



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Cost related to compliance with public health measures / protocols within public facilities	\$1,000,000	\$653,240.91	\$0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding supporting protective shields and other preparations for public facilities
Costs of providing COVID-19 testing, including serological testing, and tracing.	\$8,000,000 (Original) \$7,800,000 (Revised)	\$0.00	\$0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$7.7M with the Fulton County Board of health for tracing and testing – contract executed \$100K contract with HealthStat for testing of essential City employees – contract routing for signatures
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.	\$13,184,611 (Original) \$15,005,920 (Revised)	\$13,184,611	\$13,184,611	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and initial expenditures for hazard pay complete
Expenditures related to consumer grant program to prevent eviction and assist in preventing homelessness	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000	\$4,287,968.76	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$22M program with United Way for housing assistance – contract executed



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Expenditures related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures.	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000	\$1,500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.5M for the deployment of small business assistance grants through Invest Atlanta – program complete • \$20.5M contract with Invest Atlanta for small business assistance grants – contract executed
Expenses for acquisition and distribution of medical and protective supplies, including sanitizing products and personal protective equipment, for medical personnel, police officers, social workers, child protection services, and child welfare officers, direct service providers for older adults and individuals with disabilities in community settings, and other public health or safety workers in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency.	\$3,000,000 (Original) \$350,000 (Revised)	\$46,689.88	\$26,927.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding supporting expenses for masks, protective supplies, and sanitizing products • FEMA reimbursement will cover a significant amount of expenses related to PPE



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Expenses for communication and enforcement by State, territorial, local, and Tribal governments of public health orders related to COVID-19.	\$1,000,000 (Original) \$100,000 (Revised)	\$0.00	\$0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Funding to support expenses associated with a multi-lingual communications and outreach
Expenses for technical assistance to local authorities or other entities on mitigation of COVID-19-related threats to public health and safety.	\$300,000 (Original) \$65,000 (Revised)	\$0.00	\$0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Contracts to support notification and contact tracing software – contracts in development
Expenses for disinfection of public areas and other facilities, e.g., nursing homes, in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.	\$200,000	\$88,390	\$30,159.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Funding supporting expenses related to cleaning, disinfecting, and preparing facilities.



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Any other COVID-19-related expenses reasonably necessary to the function of government that satisfy the Fund's eligibility criteria. (FEMA Matching Funds, Legal and Consulting Services Supporting the Administration of COVID-19 Related Funding)	\$4,000,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Funding supporting advisory and compliance expenses and FEMA match requirements