

# Coronavirus Relief Funds – Deployment Update

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**City Council Update**

**December 2020**





# Overview of the Coronavirus Relief Funds

The CARES Act established the Coronavirus Relief Fund. Under the CARES Act, the Fund is to be used to make payments for specified uses to States and certain local governments.

The CARES Act provides that payments from the Fund may only be used to cover costs that—

- are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19);
- were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020; and
- were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

Over a 6-month period the City will have developed and adopted priorities for allocations, established programs in accordance with federal guidelines, conducted procurements, and deployed and monitored over \$88.4 million.



# Highlights of the Projected CRF Impact

- 1100 people experiencing homelessness assisted through non-congregate shelter, diversion, and rapid rehousing
- Over 3000 households assisted with rent, mortgage, and/or utility support
- Over 5000 individuals provided food support, including 1726 seniors
- 636 youth receive distance learning support and assistance
- Over 14,000 residents assisted through testing and contact tracing
- Over 350 small businesses assisted
- Significant support to the City's general fund to offset telework, payroll, PPE, and disinfection expenses



# 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 expenditures due to invoicing timelines

Category	Allocations	Obligations	Expenditures	Deployment Notes
<b>Medical Expenses</b> (e.g. public hospitals, testing, tracing)	\$7,800,000 (Current) \$6,400,000 (Revised)	\$7,700,001.00	\$1,925,000.00	Contract for \$6.3M with Fulton County Board of Health for tracing; \$100K for Testing of Essential Employees
<b>Public Health Expenses</b> (e.g. communication, PPE, technical assistance)	\$715,000 (Current) \$598,000 (Revised)	\$228,457.25	\$110,597.68	Multi-lingual communications outreach plan; PPE; temperature kiosks
<b>Payroll Expenses</b> (e.g. pay for public safety and health)	\$15,005,920 (Current) \$27,985,920 (Revised)	\$15,005,920	\$13,184,611	Focused on employee hazard pay and payroll
<b>Actions to Facilitate Compliance with COVID-19-Related Public Health Measures</b> (e.g. food, distance learning, telework, homelessness)	\$16,913,691 (Current) \$17,220,691 (Revised)	\$14,494,838	\$6,485,491	Contracts for \$8.4M 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
<b>Provision of Economic Support</b> (small business, emergency assistance)	\$44,000,000 (Current) \$33,030,000 (Revised)	\$44,000,000	\$23,518,080	Contracts with United Way for \$22M housing assistance program and Invest Atlanta for \$22M small business assistance program
<b>Any Other Reasonable Related Expense</b>	\$4,000,000 (Current) \$3,200,000 (Revised)	\$0.00	\$0.00	Focused on advisory and compliance expenses and FEMA match requirements
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$88,434,611</b>	<b>\$81,429,216</b>	<b>\$45,223,780</b>	



# Next Steps

1. Continue oversight and coordination for deployment of the funds at the program and project level, including external consulting support for monitoring, and working with service providers to navigate:
  - Evolving federal guidance on the appropriate use of CRF funds
  - Reporting requirements from the Department of Treasury
  - Strict procurement requirements for appropriating funds
2. Continue advocating for and monitoring to determine if the Department of Treasury will extend the timeline for deployment, if an extension occurs then the allocations adopted in October will remain in effect
3. Conduct any final minor (under \$1.5M) reallocation decisions to ensure all funding is deployed



# Thank You

The CRF program has been successful so far due to the hard work of many staff, departments, and service providers.

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Several departments have provided leadership support, and guidance, especially Finance, Procurement, and Law.

Special thank you to all the service providers that have been engaged in the projects, with a special thank you to United Way of Greater Atlanta and the Fulton County Board of Health.

Thank you to the City Council for your continued support of the program.