

**COVID emergency relief grants, budget actions and grants made to date**  
December 9, 2020

**COVID Business Assistance, Bridge Fund Round 1**

**Budget Actions**

**HRA RES 20-597, April 1, 2020**

HRA budgeted \$3,300,000 to the Bridge Fund emergency relief grant program for businesses and families by reallocating dollars previously budgeted in 2020 to other uses. \$50,000 of this total was budgeted for program outreach expenses and only a small portion of that budget used.

\$864,305 in philanthropic grant dollars were subsequently added to the Bridge Fund Round 1 (HRA RES 20-666, HRA RES 20-789, HRA RES 20-1687)

**City Council RES 20-1230, September 16, 2020**

Shifted \$3,252,850 from the CARES Act CRF holding account to HRA Bridge Fund Round 1 payments

**2021 HRA budget proposal, September 16, 2020**

The \$3,252,850 was included in the HRA 2021 proposed budget for program investments.

**HRA RES 20-1421, October 14, 2020**

Established a 2020 HRA budget for \$1.71m of these dollars to make them available for spending right away with \$1 million budgeted for businesses impacted by the civil uprising and \$710,000 allocated for Citywide business assistance.

This action set up a budget in 2020 but did not adjust the 2021 HRA budget proposal. The budget action taken Dec 9 will adjust the 2021 budget for the \$25,000 spent in 2020 (included in the budget technical changes).

**Emergency relief grants (Bridge Fund) to:**

380 small businesses	\$ 2,850,00
1265 families	\$ 1,265,00

**COVID Business and Cultural Organization Assistance (including Bridge Fund Round 2 and Cultural STAR)**

**Budget Actions**

**City Council RES 20-1194, September 9, 2020**

Adopt program guidelines to direct \$1,098,325 of budgeted Cultural STAR dollars to operating grants for Saint Paul arts and cultural organizations.

**City Council RES 20-1294, September 23, 2020**

Budgeted \$3,500,000 for business and cultural assistance

**City Council RES PH 20-250, November 4, 2020**

Reduced the \$3.5M CARES grant budget for Business and Cultural Organization Assistance by \$267,444 to \$3,232,556, based on projected spending by the Nov 15 CARES Act deadline.

**City Council RES PH 20-273, December 2, 2020**

Increased the Business and Cultural Org. Assistance CARES budget by \$89,430 to reflect the total amount of CARES Act dollars deployed by PED directly for round 2 business assistance, \$3,321,986.

**Emergency relief grants to:**

86 Cultural organizations (CARES CRF + Cultural STAR)	\$ 2,268,300
2 Food Halls	\$ 289,822
17 Music Venues and Movie Theaters	\$ 408,000
24 Business Support Organizations	\$ 299,164
154 Small businesses (Bridge Fund Round 2)	\$ 1,155,000

**COVID Business Assistance (including Bridge Fund Round 3)**

**Budget Actions**

**City Council RES PH 20-250, November 4, 2020**

Reduced 2020 budgeted transfers from the HRA to the City General Fund by \$1,017,444.

**HRA RES 20-1622, November 18, 2020**

- Amended the HRA budget to reduce transfers to the City General Fund by \$1,017,444 (matching the revenue reduction in the City General Fund in RES 20-250)
- Budgeted spending \$1,017,444 of HRA funds for 2020 COVID relief business assistance programs

**Emergency relief grants to:**

21 Small businesses (Bridge Fund Round 3)	\$157,500
Grant administration fee to SPEDCO (not included in grants total)	\$25,000

**\$834,944 balance remaining**

- Included in HRA budget technical changes to Loan Enterprise Fund carry over to 2021
- Proposed business assistance investments for HRA board review Dec 9, 2020

**Total COVID emergency relief grants to date**

(sources: CARES Act CRF, HRA, CSTAR, philanthropy)

**Dollars            \$8,692,786**

**Emergency relief grants to:**

555	grants of \$7,500 to Bridge Fund small businesses
1265	grants of \$1,000 to Bridge Fund families
19	larger grants to other businesses including food halls, music venues and movie theaters
86	grants up to \$30,000 to cultural organizations
24	grants up to \$15,000 business support organizations