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# **CARES Act - Coronavirus Relief Fund**

# CARES Act Distribution to Local Governments

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- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act allocated \$2.18 billion of Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) aid to Minnesota
- Gov. Walz distributed \$841M of CRF aid to cities, counties, and townships – including \$23.5M to Saint Paul
- Ramsey County received direct CRF federal aid in the amount of \$96M
- RES PH 20-173 accepts Saint Paul’s CRF allocation

# Eligible Expenses

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- ❑ Expenses that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19).
- ❑ Expenses that were or will be incurred between March 1, 2020 and ends November 15, 2020
- ❑ Expenses were not accounted for in the most recently approved budget. An expense meets this requirement if it either:
  - ❑ cannot be funded with an allocation within the budget, or
  - ❑ is for a substantially different use from any expected use of funds in the budget.
- ❑ **Cannot be used as revenue replacement**

# Reporting Requirements

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- The City must report spending to the State (MMB) monthly, on the 7th business day after the end of the prior month (e.g. July report was due August 11).
  - The monthly report requires the City to list its actual and obligated spending in 6 key areas of CRF eligibility:
    - Medical Expenses
    - Public Health Expenses
    - Payroll Expenses
    - Compliance with Public Health Measures
    - Economic Support
    - Other
- Local governments receiving more than \$750,000 are required to obtain a federal audit

# CRF Review Process

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- OFS, CAO, EM team screening proposals for:
  - ▣ Eligibility
  - ▣ Feasibility
  - ▣ Community Benefit
- Received proposals totaling roughly \$45M
  - ▣ Direct response costs
  - ▣ Unsheltered support costs
  - ▣ Economic recovery
  - ▣ Service transformation

# Examples of CRF Funding

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- ❑ Bridge Fund: \$3,258,807
- ❑ Incurred COVID costs: \$7,400,000
  - ❑ Examples of CRF eligible COVID costs already incurred:
    - Fire payroll costs for ambulance runs for COVID response
    - Payroll for staff working on substantially different duties, such as:
      - Library staff making cloth masks
      - PED staff working on the Bridge Fund
    - Regular payroll for staff conducting COVID-related facility disinfection
    - COVID leave and work comp costs
- ❑ Through July, the City incurred \$16.5M in COVID expenses
  - ❑ Of that, \$12.5M is eligible for CRF