



City of Dallas

Update on COVID-19 Funding: City Response and Community Recovery

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Overview



- Provide an overview of funding for the COVID-19 response
- Provide an update on the City's efforts/spending of funds
- Provide an update on legislative efforts in Washington related to the pandemic recovery



CARES Act



- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES Act) was signed into law on March 27, 2020
- CARES Act established federal funding for relief efforts:
 - Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)
 - FEMA Disaster Reimbursement
 - Funding awarded via formula funding
 - Funding awarded on a competitive basis



CARES Act Funding



Source	Amount
Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)	\$234.4 M
Airport Grants	\$54.2 M
HUD Community Development Block Grant	\$8.9 M
HUD Emergency Solutions Grants (2)	\$21.0 M
Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF)	\$2.28 M
HUD HOPWA	\$1.09 M
HHS Provider Relief Fund	\$495 K
Texas State Library Archives Commission (TSLAC) (competitive – received)	\$50 K
Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) (competitive – received)	\$850 K
FEMA Disaster Assistance	TBD
CESF & Institute of Museum and Library Services Economic Development Administration (IMLS) (competitive – no notice yet)	TBD
EDA (competitive – application in development)	TBD
CDBG Rounds 2 & 3	TBD
National Endowment for the Arts (competitive – not awarded)	\$0
*Total	\$323.3 M

*Funds approved through federal CARES Act



Other State & Federal Funds and Private Grants



- Additional federal and state funding
 - WIC funding: \$80K
 - Additional Homeless Housing and Services Program funding: \$41K
- City reallocated existing HUD funds: \$6.9M
- Private grants for supplies for expanded foster program and animal care
 - PetSmart Charities (2): \$30K
 - Maddie's Fund: \$20K
 - Hill's Science Diet: \$15K (applied, no response yet)
 - Humane Society/Mars Petcare: \$10K
- Welcoming America Resilient Rapid Response Initiative: 10K
 - Establishes City liaisons to hard-to-reach communities



Other Funding: In-Kind Donations



- Digital Equality Project
 - Cisco donating equipment to convert parking lots of four libraries in underserved zip codes into secure, free Wi-Fi hot spots with video capability
 - Paul Laurence Dunbar Lancaster-Kiest
 - Prairie Creek
 - Dallas West
 - Highland Hills
 - Go-live date: 8/21/20
 - Video endpoints will allow City to provide workforce development services, children's programming, and virtual field trips
 - Could also be used for participating in public meetings via Webex
 - Could also be leveraged for telemedicine services through a community partner such as Parkland
 - Partners: Cisco, Presidio, and CIMCON



Taking a Comprehensive Approach



Public Health
& Safety



Community
Resilience &
Recovery



Service
Delivery

Integrating all available funding to maximize impact



Taking a Comprehensive Approach



Public Health & Safety

- Encouraging social distancing
- Helping those experiencing homeless with social distancing
- Procuring PPE and cleaning supplies for first responders and other staff
- Working with Dallas County to provide COVID-19 testing

\$146.6M



Community Resilience

- Provide resources and tools to residents, businesses, and nonprofits affected by COVID-19

\$81.7M



Service Delivery

- Safely provide services to residents according to the “Return to Work” plan, using technology when possible

\$102.2M



Current Funding Allocations (in millions)



	CRF	CDBG-1	ESG-1	HOPWA	ESG-2	HUD (Existing)	AVI	CESF	WIC	HHS	DAS	TSLAC	TDHCA	AFG	TOTAL
Public Health & Safety	\$120.9		\$3.5		\$16.6	\$0.5	\$1.5	\$2.3		\$0.5				\$0.85	\$146.6
Community Resilience & Recovery	31.7	8.9	0.9	1.1		6.4	32.5		0.1		0.06	0.05	0.04		\$81.7
Service Delivery	81.8						20.4								\$102.2
Total	\$234.4	\$8.9	\$4.4	\$1.1	\$16.6	\$6.9	\$54.4	\$2.3	\$0.1	\$0.5	\$0.06	\$0.05	\$0.04	\$0.85	\$330.6

Aviation

- Public Health & Safety increased from \$1.0M to \$1.5M

DAS

- Increased \$10K because DAS received an additional private grant for \$10K from the Humane Society/Mars Petcare

AFG

- DFR received an Assistance to Firefighters Grant totaling \$0.8M

HUD (Existing)

- Additional funds allocated

TSLAC

- Added \$50k grant received by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC)





Public Health & Safety

- COVID-19 testing (cost sharing with Dallas County)
- Isolation for first responders/City personnel
- Homeless assistance
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Cleaning, disinfection, and sanitation
- Communication
- Related payroll expenses



Current Funding Allocations (in millions)



	CRF	CDBG-1	ESG-1	HOPWA	ESG-2	HUD (Existing)	AVI	CESF	WIC	HHS	DAS	TSLAC	TDHCA	AFG	TOTAL
Homeless assistance	\$13.5		\$3.5		\$16.6	\$0.5									\$34.1
Testing*	23.9														\$23.9
PPE	12.0						0.2	1.1						0.85	\$14.2
Cleaning	8.0						1.3	1.2							\$10.5
Communication	3.5														\$3.5
EMS/Medicaid billing assistance										0.5					\$0.5
Related payroll expenses	60.0														\$60.0
Public Health & Safety	\$120.9		\$3.5		\$16.6	\$0.5	\$1.5	\$2.3		\$0.5				\$0.85	\$146.6

*Cost sharing with Dallas County; table shows only City costs



Public Health & Safety – Update



PROJECT	STATUS
Homeless assistance	Invoices in process for hotel sheltering expense for approximately \$1.3M. Agreements in development for 7 nonprofits to provide rapid rehousing services and purchase furnishings. Discussions are underway to identify site(s). Once site is identified, timeline of property acquisition is approximately 90 days from receipt of the appraisal. Plans are to meet CRF deadline by Dec. 30.
Testing	City operations at Ellis Davis Field House and American Airlines Center have ended. Expenses subject to FEMA 75% reimbursement and cost sharing with Dallas County. Contract with UrgentCare2Go for mobile testing services ongoing. Contracts with Honu Management Group and Parkland Hospital to conduct drive-thru and walk-up testing are ongoing. 134,391 tests have been conducted to date. Hotel block of 25 rooms and 10 RVs available to accommodate City personnel through Dec. 30 . City also partnering with Dallas County for UTSW Prevalence study. Approximately \$6M expenses paid and/or in process.
PPE	On schedule. Procurements are in process to provide citywide needs. Approximately \$5M spent and/or committed.
Cleaning	On schedule. Decontamination services have been ongoing.
Communication	On schedule. Communication, Outreach, and Marketing efforts related to COVID-19 including: 1) Advertising (i.e. print, digital, outdoor, broadcast, direct mail, etc.); 2) Outreach materials (i.e. signage, fliers, post cards, etc.); 3) Technology and software enhancements for media monitoring and text-to-subscribe alerts; 4) Multimedia productions; and 5) Multilingual resources. Identifying needs.
EMS/Medicaid billing assistance	Funds will be used to reimburse lost revenue as allowed by grantor.
Related payroll expenses	Ongoing. Funds to be fully expended by Dec. 30.





Community Resilience

- Rent, mortgage, and utility assistance
- Bridging the digital divide
- Food delivery for vulnerable populations
- Childcare assistance
- Small business assistance
- Nonprofit assistance
- Tenant rent abatements at Dallas Love Field
- Related payroll expenses



Current Funding Allocations (in millions)



	CRF	CDBG-1	ESG-1	HOPWA	ESG-2	HUD (Existing)	AVI	CESF	WIC	HHS	DAS	TSLAC	TDHCA	AFG	TOTAL
Rent/mortgage/utility assistance	\$10.0	\$2.1	\$0.6	\$1.0		\$6.4							\$0.04		\$20.1
Bridging the digital divide	10.0											0.05			\$10.0
Small business assistance	2.0	5.0					2.5								\$9.5
Food security, child care provider, and social service programs	2.5								0.1						\$2.6
Cultural/recreational facility assistance	2.0														\$1.0
Health support services	1.0														\$2.0
Animal care (private)											0.06				\$0.06
Debt service for airport							30.0								\$30.0
Related payroll expenses	4.2	1.8	0.3	0.1											\$6.4
Community Resilience & Recovery	\$31.7	\$8.9	\$0.9	\$1.1		\$6.4	\$32.5		\$0.1		\$0.06	\$0.05	\$0.04		\$81.7



Community Resilience & Recovery – Update



PROJECT	STATUS
Rent/mortgage/utility assistance	<p>Program has assisted over 455 households. Subrecipient program has started. 10 community partners, including Dallas Housing Authority and United Way of Metropolitan Dallas have been identified to provide rent, mortgage, and utility assistance. United Way of Metropolitan Dallas will administer funding via a collaboration with partners, such as Brother Bill's Helping Hands, Catholic Charities of Dallas, CitySquare, Wilkinson Center, and many others. This combination of assistance provided by city departments and community partners will have geographical spread across the city and serve many different vulnerable as well as hard to reach populations. Development of agreements are underway. RFP to award funds for eviction prevention program in progress. Contract award planned for City Council consideration on Sept. 23.</p>
Bridging the digital divide	<p>The donated equipment from Cisco is en route, and staff expects signal extenders to go live Aug. 21. The Webex monitors for facilitating tele-health services will be available once libraries reopen to the public. There is no cost to the City for this project.</p> <p>The Office of Resilience is finalizing a Request for Applications for nonprofits to serve as "digital navigators" to low-income residents impacted by COVID-19. Digital navigators assist individuals or small groups who need affordable home internet service, affordable internet-capable devices, and/or coaching in introductory digital skills to become effective home internet users.)</p>
Small business assistance	<p>Over 64 grants and 7 loans have been awarded, creating or retaining over 66 jobs for low-and-moderate income residents. City Council authorization on Aug. 12 to add CRF funds. Funds will be disbursed after contract execution.</p>
Food security, childcare provider, and social service programs	<p>City Council authorization on August 12 for Interlocal Agreement with Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas to administer the Childcare Providers Micro-grants Program. RFAs open in Bonfire, scheduled to close throughout August for food security, and other social service programs. Partnering with Resilience Office to distribute PPE for vulnerable populations.</p>



Community Resilience & Recovery – Update



PROJECT	STATUS
Cultural/recreational facility assistance	Contracts with 6 cultural arts partner organizations scheduled for City Council consideration on September 23. One Administrative Action for cultural arts and 4 recreational organizations in process. Funds for Trinity River Audubon Center planned to Park Board approval in September and working with City Attorney's Office for process to provide funds to Fair Park.
Health support services	RFA was opened in Bonfire on July 30, closed on Aug. 14.
Animal care (private)	Funds spent and committed for pet food to feed up to 5,400 pets. Additional funds scheduled for City Council consideration on Aug. 26.
Debt service for airport	Funding allocated to Love Field debt service. FAA is reviewing invoices.
Related payroll expenses	Ongoing. Funds will be fully expended by Dec. 30.





Service Delivery

- Technology to support:
 - Residents doing business with the City electronically
 - Employees continuing to serve the public while social distancing
- Facility retrofits
- Visitor management
- Aviation services
- Related payroll expenses



Current Funding Allocations (in millions)



	CRF	CDBG1	ESG1	HOPWA	ESG2	HUD (Existing)	AVI	CESF	WIC	HHS	DAS	TSLAC	TDHCA	AFG	TOTAL	
City facility retrofits	\$22.0															\$22.0
Mission-critical capital projects							4.0									\$4.0
Residents doing business online (ITS)	5.0															\$5.0
Employee tools (ITS)	25.0															\$25.0
Visitor management	1.0															\$1.0
Related payroll expenses	28.8						16.4									\$45.2
Service Delivery	\$81.8						\$20.4									\$102.2



Service Delivery – Update



PROJECT	STATUS
City facility retrofits	<p>Completed to date: 300+ toilet/urinal retrofits or replacements, 200+ faucets, 230+ water fountains, and 100+ soap dispensers all retrofitted or replaced with handsfree versions. Nearly 200 plexiglass shields installed. HVAC duct cleaning underway and planned in over 100 facilities. Ultraviolet light retrofits underway at City Hall and Ridgewood Belcher Rec Center and pending at Central Library, Jack Evans Police HQ, OCMC, Municipal Courts, and others. Other HVAC retrofits planned for an additional 200 facilities including branch libraries, recreation centers, fire stations, police stations, cultural centers, and general service facilities. An October agenda item is in development for much of this work. Work is also planned to improve two buildings at Hensley Field for DFR’s use as a regional PPE warehouse.</p> <p>Periodic disinfecting/sanitizing services underway and planned through December. Installation of disinfecting wipe dispensers underway in libraries and City Hall with other facilities planned. Deployed 346 cleaning/sanitizing station caddies to date to various offices. Nearly 300 sanitizer dispensers installed in various facilities with over 200 pending delivery and installation. Additional sanitizing / disinfecting / cleaning as additional offices re-open and additional floor care planned to spend remaining funds.</p>
Mission-critical capital projects	Funding allocated for capital projects at Love Field Airport will be used as part of the Crossfield Taxiway and Runway Reconstruction projects.



Service Delivery – Update



PROJECT	STATUS
Residents doing business online (ITS)	<p>There are 11 approved IT projects to improve online interaction between residents and the City. This includes one completed for rental and mortgage assistance and the small business continuity tool. There are 6 projects currently underway that will allow for the online processing of different City services such as real estate abandonments, real estate licenses, building inspection document applications and the receipt of credit card payments for event licenses. The remaining 4 projects are planned to start soon and encompass creating online solutions for the public to pay fines and fees online to the auto pound, virtualize the court and judiciary hearing processes, and implement electronic signatures for various court and judiciary documents. None of the 11 projects are at risk to miss the Dec. 30 deadline.</p>
Employee tools (ITS)	<p>There are 35 approved IT initiatives to support employee teleworking. This includes 8 completed initiatives for the ability to expand the City's VPN network to accommodate the increase in employees teleworking, providing several ad-hoc telephone townhall council meetings and for various purchases of computing and video equipment to support teleworking and social distancing. There are 20 initiatives in progress to enhance the capabilities of employees working from home, strengthen network/computer performance and security and to implement new technology for workforce tracking and interaction. The remaining 7 planned initiatives will start within the next few months and will focus more on implementing technology to expand and enhance video conferencing abilities. None of the 35 projects are at risk to miss the Dec. 30 deadline.</p>



Service Delivery – Update



PROJECT	STATUS
Visitor management	Visitor Management System has been installed in City Hall, OCMC and Municipal Courts. Cameras and people counters to be completed by September. System will be expanded to the MLK Center and libraries. Cameras and people counters are being installed to count individuals entering and leaving facilities. Access controls are being modified to ensure face coverings are being used when entering buildings. Rollout to libraries will depend on re-opening timeline and capacity to operate equipment. Installation of equipment at MLK and West Dallas Multi-Purpose Center TBD construction and reopening timeline.
Related payroll expenses	Ongoing. Funds will be fully expended by Dec. 30.



Legislative Update: Another Relief Bill? TBD



- Negotiations stalled between Democrats and the White House, with state and local fiscal assistance a major sticking point
- The House Bill, HEROES Act, provides for increased flexibility for CRF funds and it includes tens of billions of dollars for programs of interest to the City
- The Senate Bill, the HEALS Act, includes the flexibility for CRF funds, but does not include additional funding for state and local governments (does include additional funding for airports)
- Many CARES Act benefits (unemployment insurance, eviction/foreclosure protections) expired on July 31



Legislative Update: Executive Actions



- President Trump issued memoranda and executive orders to:
 - Allow \$400/week in unemployment benefits to be funded by existing FEMA Disaster Assistance and CRF funding allocated in the CARES Act
 - States must opt in to the program, apply for FEMA DRF funds or use CRF funds, and pay 25% (\$100) of the cost using state funds
 - Direct federal agencies (HUD, HHS, Treasury, FHFA) to study what can be done to limit foreclosures and evictions and identify potential funds for housing assistance
 - Defer collection of Social Security payroll taxes (employee share only) from Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2020
 - The City does not participate in Social Security and is not impacted by this action





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