

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 12, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Q&A from February 3 Dallas CARES Briefing**

1. How many of the small businesses that received grants or loans using funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) are still operating?

Economic Development (ECO) performs a six-month compliance check of all Small Business Continuity Fund (SBCF) recipients. Of the 64 businesses that received the first round of grants in July, 46 have responded to ECO's outreach efforts. Two businesses are closed temporarily—one provides school transport and the other provides cafeteria services to the courthouse. ECO will provide ongoing updates as more businesses reach the six-month compliance milestone.

2. How can residents access the broadband funding included in the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) and administered through the FCC Lifeline Program?

The program rules are in development at the federal level. Once we receive information on how residents can access the funding or subsidy, we will communicate it to the City Council and the public.

3. Of the \$14 billion included in CRRSA for public transit, how much will DART receive?

DART will receive \$128.5 million, which, unlike normal transit funding, may be used for operating costs.

4. Of the \$79.5 million in CRF funds for payroll in the Public Health and Safety category, how much is for uniform overtime?

The \$79.5 million shown in the briefing for Public Health and Safety payroll includes \$76.7 million for Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) and the Dallas Police Department (DPD) and \$2.9 million for other departments that contributed to this expense category.

Guidance from the U.S. Treasury indicates public health and safety payroll expenses are presumed eligible for CRF. We have \$375 million in fire and police uniform payroll expenses from March 1 to December 30, 2020, that meet this eligibility criteria. Of this amount, \$342.1 million is regular time and \$32.9 million is overtime. However, we are

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using a total of only \$76.7 million of CRF funding for these eligible expenses in DFR and DPD.

Thank you for your continued engagement in this process and your support of staff as they worked to get a large amount of money out the door to our community. We still have work to do to respond to and recover from COVID-19, but I am proud of our efforts so far. The video I shared during last Wednesday's briefing is now available on the City's YouTube channel for you to share with your constituents at: youtu.be/F1FhOIPAZug. We have also posted a link on the Financial Transparency website and will share through the City's social media channels.

If you have additional questions, please contact me or Jack Ireland, Director of Budget and Management Services.



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