

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 10, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding For City Council Districts**

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), which included \$1.9 trillion to provide additional federal resources for economic stimulus and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The legislation provided \$350 billion for fiscal assistance to state, local, and tribal governments, with funds for municipalities distributed roughly using the CDBG formula. The City of Dallas received approximately \$355.4 million from the US Department of Treasury (Treasury) for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF).

On September 22, 2021, the City Council approved appropriations for the FY 2021-22 ARPA/CLFRF budget. Included in that budget was \$16 million to provide City Council District funding for relief to small businesses, nonprofits, or impacted industries based on established criteria, with \$1 million of discretionary funds allocated for each City Council District and \$2 million for citywide use.

Established criteria:

- *Small Business and Nonprofits.* Loans or grants to mitigate negative financial impact due to COVID-19, including adopting safer operating procedures, weathering a period of close, or mitigating financial hardship resulting from the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- *Impacted Industries.* Aid to assist impacted industries may include assistance to implement COVID-19 mitigation and infection prevention measures to enable safe resumption of services. Assistance may be considered responsive to the negative economic impacts of the pandemic if it supports businesses that were operating prior to the pandemic and affected by required closures and other efforts to contain the pandemic. Negative economic impacts must be due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as opposed to longer-term economic or industrial trends unrelated to the pandemic.

Other eligible uses of the funds include assistance to household and individuals such as:

- *Mental Health.* Community mental health programming, including individual counseling, group counseling, and mental health outreach and education; services targeting highly impacted communities; or older adults, particularly homebound seniors.

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- *Children and Families.* Treatment, counseling and other services for prevention, intervention of family violence; positive youth development programming, such as afterschool programming, academic support, and training; and home visiting services of newborns to promote safety and improve infant outcomes.
- *Food and Essentials.* Support of various food distribution programs; delivery of good and grocery items to individuals sick or quarantined due to COVID-19; and support to local food banks.
- *Benefits/Financial Navigation.* A single stop opportunity integrating benefits access, applications and/or complicated financial services landscape to simplify process for clients.
- *COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention Efforts.* A broad range of services and programming to contain and/or prevent COVID-19 including public communication and outreach efforts and purchases of personal protective equipment.

Staff will schedule time with each City Council member in January to discuss how the district funds will be allocated. As a reminder, all ARPA/CLFRF funds must be spent by December 31, 2024. We report expenditures to the U.S. Treasury quarterly, with the first report for the period ending December 31, 2021 due on January 31, 2022.

To ensure the City meets the expenditure deadline for these funds, we review spending plans regularly, and reallocate funds as needed. We will continue to update you on our progress periodically. If you have any questions, please contact Jack Ireland, Director of Budget and Management Services.



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