

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 19, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Upcoming Agenda Item #52, June 24, 2020 City Council Agenda – Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program**

On June 24, 2020, the City Council will be asked to consider agenda item #52 for the acceptance of a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) program. This grant will provide \$2,282,871 to provide needed equipment and supplies for Dallas Fire-Rescue and the Dallas Police Department to help with their response to COVID-19.

CESF was authorized as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which was designed to provide swift and direct economic assistance to individuals, businesses, and governmental agencies in order to mitigate the impact of the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 pandemic (COVID-19).

The CESF program provides funding to assist eligible states, local units of government, and tribes in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus. CESF funds were distributed utilizing the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) formula, and only direct recipients of JAG funds were eligible for a direct CESF award. Allowable expenses include equipment and supplies for law enforcement and medical personnel to limit the risk and spread of COVID-19.

The City of Dallas will use CESF funding to purchase 72 room decontamination systems and the associated supplies such as disinfectant solution and applicators for use in Dallas Fire-Rescue facilities. The balance of funds will be used for PPE (including gloves and masks), hand sanitizer, disinfectant cleaner, and antibacterial wipes for the Dallas Police Department. These purchases will help to limit the spread of bacteria and viruses such as COVID-19 in City facilities, and from person-to-person contact for first responders.

Please contact Brett Wilkinson, Director of the Office of Strategic Partnerships and Government Affairs at [brett.wilkinson@dallascityhall.com](mailto:brett.wilkinson@dallascityhall.com) if you have questions or concerns.

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