

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 11, 2021

TO Members of the Citizens Homelessness Commission

SUBJECT **Update on Coronavirus Relief Fund**

The City of Dallas received \$234.4 million as part of the U.S. Treasury Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF). The funds were allocated as briefed to the Dallas City Council on June 17th and August 19th. The Office of Homeless Solutions project \$18.9 million in expenses for operations aimed at preventing further impacts of the virus on the community of persons experiencing homelessness in Dallas.

Current Status:

The Office of Budget has mandated that all expenses under the CRF, unless written exception is given, be incurred and services completed by 12/30/2020. All invoices for goods and services procured must be sent to the City Controller's Office by Friday, January 15th for payment.

The status of funds allocated to OHS are indicated in the table below (current as of Monday, January 11th):

<u>Category</u>	<u>Total Forecasted Expenses</u>	<u>Total Expenses Paid/Invoiced</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Property Acquisitions	\$ 12,147,298.65	\$ 12,147,298.65	\$ 0.00
Rapid Rehousing (Furniture)	\$ 690,000.00	\$ 406,359.10	(\$ 283,640.90)
Emergency Sheltering	\$ 6,076,593.19	\$ 5,501,362.15	(\$ 575,231.04)

We expect to receive all invoices under both the "Rapid Rehousing (Furniture)" and "Emergency Sheltering" categories by the deadline established by the Office of Budget and expend all funds.

Outcomes:

The CRF was deployed by OHS to protect our most vulnerable from the impacts of COVID-19 and further implementation of the Four Track Homeless Solutions Strategy. The outcomes listed below align with this strategy:

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Track One: Emergency Shelter Expansion	Track Two: Inclement Weather Ops.	Track Three: Increase Rapid Rehousing	Track Four: Add Supportive Housing
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Over 50,000 total overnight stays at the Convention Center Shelter• Over 28,000 total overnight stays at hotel shelters• Hotel room support for all five major congregate shelters as they experienced COVID-19 outbreaks on campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Over 950 overnight stays at hotels during inclement weather sheltering	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More than 400 persons rapidly rehoused through our Rapid Rehousing project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purchase of three properties (324 units) to support COVID-19 sheltering and future supportive housing needs

Next Steps:

The Office of Homeless Solutions will collect and submit outstanding invoices to the City Controller's Office by the January 15th deadline.

Though the CRF are no longer available for use, OHS continues to support expansion of efforts in all four tracks of the Homeless Solutions Strategy.

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