



## Legislation Text

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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Public Safety  
**AGENDA DATE:** November 9, 2022  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** N/A  
**DEPARTMENT:** Office of Emergency Management  
**EXECUTIVE:** Jon Fortune

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### **SUBJECT**

Authorize the **(1)** acceptance of federal reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (Public Assistance Grant, 4485, Texas Covid-19 Pandemic, CFDA No. 97.036) in an amount of \$14,800,000.00; **(2)** establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$14,800,000.00 in the FEMA Disaster Grant Fund; **(3)** receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$14,800,000.00 in the FEMA Disaster Grant Fund; and **(4)** execute the grant agreement and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the grant agreement - Not to exceed \$14,800,000.00 Financing: Federal Emergency Management Agency Grant Funds

### **BACKGROUND**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) is a bill passed by Congress and signed into law on March 27, 2020, to address the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is the largest economic relief bill in U.S. history with \$2.2 trillion in targeted relief for state and local governments, businesses, and individuals.

In 2020, the City of Dallas entered an Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County to provide funding for testing providers to test patients related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This agreement implemented a 50/50 cost share between the City of Dallas and Dallas County. The City and Dallas County will procure contractors to serve the portion of Dallas County within the City of Dallas and receive and process invoices for payment. Depending on which entity procures the contractor and receives and processes the invoices, the other entity will then be invoiced by the initiating party its 50 percent share of expenses incurred.

In 2021, in response to the public health emergency and its negative economic impacts, State, local, and Tribal governments have seen substantial increases in costs to provide services, often amid substantial declines in revenue due to the economic downturn and changing economic patterns during the pandemic. 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 Federal Emergency Management Agency authorized federal funding to eligible local governments on a cost-sharing basis for emergency protective measures (Category B) under Public Assistance, for all areas affected by COVID-19 beginning on January 20, 2020 through July 1, 2022 at a federal cost share of 100%.

**PRIOR ACTION/REVIEWS (COUNCIL, BOARDS, OR COMMISIONS)**

On April 22, 2020, City Council authorized the City Manager to spend funds in compliance with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and in accordance with guidance from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the Coronavirus Relief Fund; take all necessary actions to apply for and receive funds for which the City is eligible from state and federal sources; receive and deposit funds in an amount not to exceed \$234,443,127.60 in the Coronavirus Relief Fund; establish appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$234,443,127.60 in the Coronavirus Relief Fund; transfer appropriations, expenses, or cash between funds established for COVID-19 response; and execute any grant agreements necessary to receive COVID-19 funding from federal and state sources by Council Resolution No. 20-0644.

On May 27, 2020, City Council authorize an Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County to provide funding for COVID-19 testing providers for 50/50 cost share between the City of Dallas and Dallas County by Resolution No 20-0852.

On June 23, 2021, City Council authorized the City Manager to spend funds in compliance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and in accordance with guidance from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CFDA No. 21.027); take all necessary actions to apply for and receive funds for which the City is eligible from state and federal sources; receive and deposit funds in an amount not to exceed \$355,426,891.00 in the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund which will be received in two tranches with 50% in 2021 and 50% in 2022; establish appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$177,713,445.50 in the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund; transfer appropriations, expenses, or cash between funds established for the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) response; and execute any grant agreements necessary to receive COVID-19 funding from federal and state sources by Resolution No. 21-1149.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

Fund	FY 2023	FY 2024	Future Years
Federal Emergency Management Agency Grant Funds	\$14,800,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00