



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Human and Social Needs
AGENDA DATE: October 13, 2020
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Office of Community Care
EXECUTIVE: Kimberly Bizer Tolbert

SUBJECT

Authorize **(1)** an emergency Nonprofit Assistance Program (Program) **(Exhibit A)** to provide financial support in the form of a grant for operational expenses, including, but not limited to rent, utilities, staff salaries and benefits, cleaning supplies, and programs supplies incurred between July 1, 2020 and December 14, 2020, and resulting from COVID-19 and/or in response to needs caused by the pandemic, to Dallas-based nonprofit organizations that deliver social service programming; and **(2)** execution of all documents and agreements necessary to implement the Program, including but not limited to subrecipient agreement(s) to administer the Program through an open application process - Not to exceed \$550,000.00 - Financing: U.S. Department of Treasury - Coronavirus Relief Funds

BACKGROUND

The COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic constriction have led to substantial impact across sectors, particularly the nonprofit sector. The Council of Nonprofits, (<https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/nonprofits-and-coronavirus-covid-19>) states on its website that "conversations on nonprofit sustainability have turned into conversations on their survivability" in light of the crisis. The nonprofit sector is critical in times like these as needs for their services grow, with more individuals seeking basic needs support and other services provided by the sector. Additionally, State, County and local COVID-19 regulations, as well as social distancing and safety considerations, though in place to promote safety and protect community members, unfortunately also create additional operational challenges to service delivery.

According to the State of the Sector 2020 Report, (<https://thecnm.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/FINAL-2020-State-of-the-Sector-Report.pdf>), produced by the Center for Nonprofit Management, there were 11,096 registered 501(c)3 public charities in Dallas. Regionally, nearly 60% of registered public charities indicate a mission aligned with human services (26.6%), education (16.2%), health (excluding hospitals) (5.9%), or public and social benefit (9.8%). Though the data collected in the report largely pre-dates the pandemic, the Report notes that COVID-19 will have a significant impact on the sector and that the data will serve as a baseline against a planned post-pandemic report.

The Nonprofit Assistance Program will provide support in the form of grants to Dallas-based nonprofit organizations in accordance with the attached program statement, **Exhibit A**. Staff consulted representatives from organizations involved in the collaboration of funders behind North Texas Cares, for support in developing the program statement to ensure alignment with local nonprofit capacity and needs in light of the pandemic. Per www.northtexascares.org <<http://www.northtexascares.org>> North Texas Cares is a common application that once submitted is reviewed by a collaboration of funders, including 30 North Texas foundations and United Ways, that have come together to provide support for organizations that work with people and communities most affected by all aspects of COVID-19. This includes agencies who support individuals and families in the focus areas of health, economic security, safety and well-being, education, and social justice.”

On April 22, 2020, City Council authorized the acceptance of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) to aid the COVID-19 response throughout the City.

On June 17, 2020, City Council was briefed on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) funds to facilitate assistance to eligible communities and households economically impacted by COVID-19.

This action authorizes an emergency Nonprofit Assistance Program to provide financial support to Dallas-based nonprofit organizations that deliver social services and have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic as outlined in **Exhibit A**.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On April 22, 2020, City Council authorized the City Manager to execute any and all grant agreements necessary to receive COVID-19 funding from federal and state sources by Resolution No. 20-0644.

On June 17, 2020, City Council was briefed on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) funds to facilitate assistance to eligible communities and households economically impacted by COVID-19.

On October 1, 2020, the Ad Hoc Committee on COVID Impact was briefed via memo on the proposed Program Statement.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2021	FY 2022	Future Years
U.S. Department of Treasury - CARES Act Relief Funds	\$550,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00