



# Coronavirus Relief Fund Update

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**  
**AUGUST 10, 2020**

## Purpose

- ◀ Review of CARES Act Funding and Support
- ◀ Discuss CRF Funding to date

# Comprehensively Addressing Needs

## Operations

### Employees

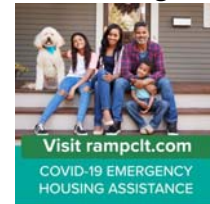


## Community Support

### Businesses



### Housing



### Public Wi-Fi



### Youth and Teen Opportunity Centers



# Protecting Employees; Providing Core Services

## Protecting Employees



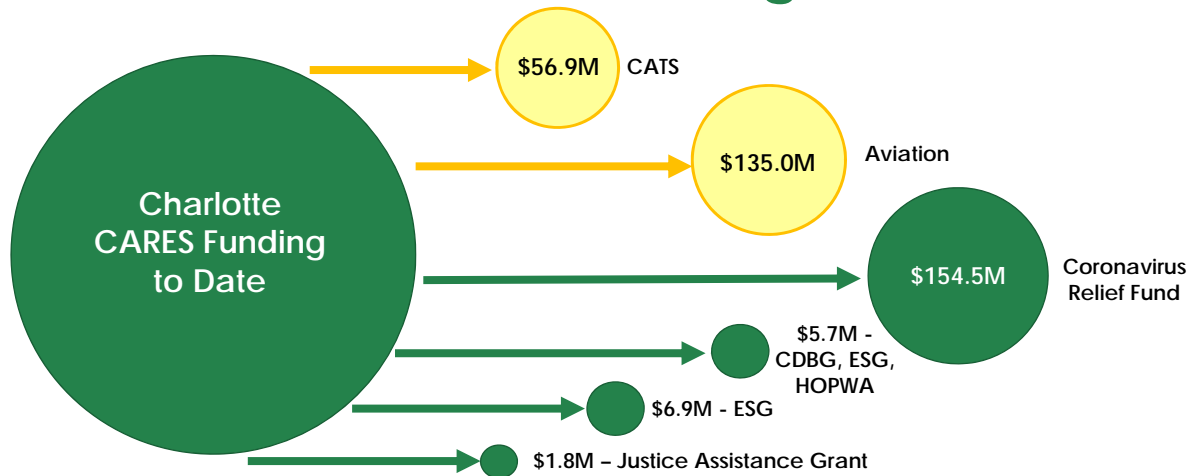
## Providing Core Services



## Financial Management



## Federal COVID-19 Funding to Date

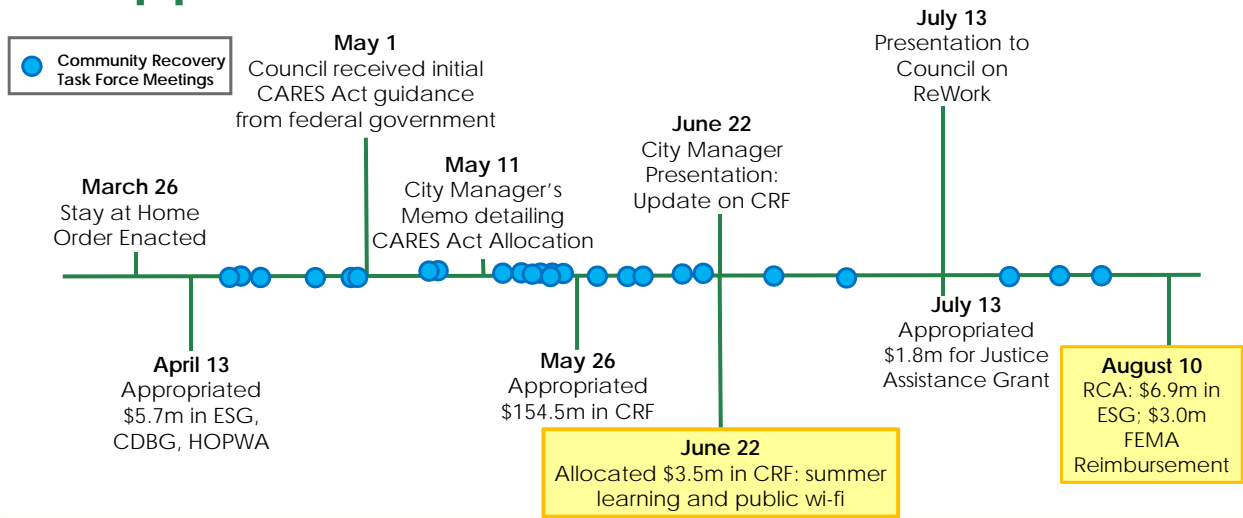


## CARES Act Allocations to Charlotte

CARES Act Program	Total Award (millions)	Initial Council Action	Can support normal operations?
Economic Relief to Airports	\$135.0	N/A	Yes
Transit Programs	\$56.9	N/A	Yes
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$3.51	April 13	No
Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) #1	\$1.77	April 13	No
Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA)	\$0.42	April 13	No
Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF)	\$154.5	May 26	No
Justice Assistance Grant	\$1.82	July 13	No
Emergency Solutions Grants #2	\$6.9	August 10*	No

\*A budget ordinance appropriating the \$6.87 million will be considered by City Council on the August 10 agenda.

## Timeline of COVID-19 Items and Support



## CARES Act allows the city to request FEMA: Public Assistance reimbursement prior to utilizing CARES Act dollars

**June 22, 2020:** City Council approved a \$3.5 million budget ordinance for FEMA.

**August 10, 2020:** City Council to consider to consider an additional \$3.0 million for FEMA.

◀ **These combined actions free up \$6.5m in CARES Act funds for community support**

## Community Support

### ◀ Freeing up capacity of CARES Act (*June 22 - \$3.5M*)

Bridging the Digital Divide	\$1.5M
Youth and Teen Opportunity Centers	\$2.0M
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	<b>\$3.5M</b>

## Community Support Considerations

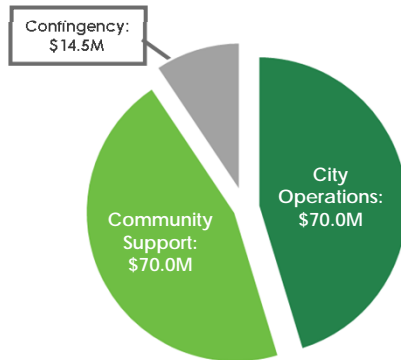
### ◀ Freeing up capacity of CARES Act (*August 10 - \$3.0M*)

- Support for Arts and Artists (*Discussed July 27*)
- Utility Relief (*Discussed July 27*)
- Support for Homelessness and Housing (*Task Force discussion*)
- Support for Hospitality Industry, Restaurants, and Hotels (*previously discussed*)
- Youth Athletic Activities
- Employee Assistance with Daycare
- Additional support for Public Wi-Fi
- Additional support for small business

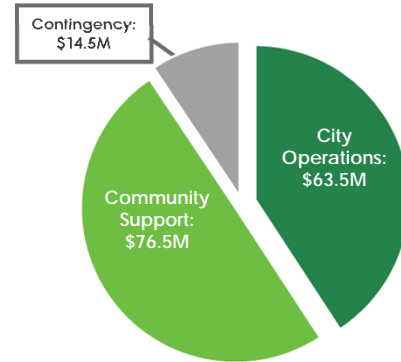
\*Some of these items have been discussed at Strategy Sessions, Task Force meetings, Council Committee meetings, and Business Meetings

## Additional Funds for Community Support

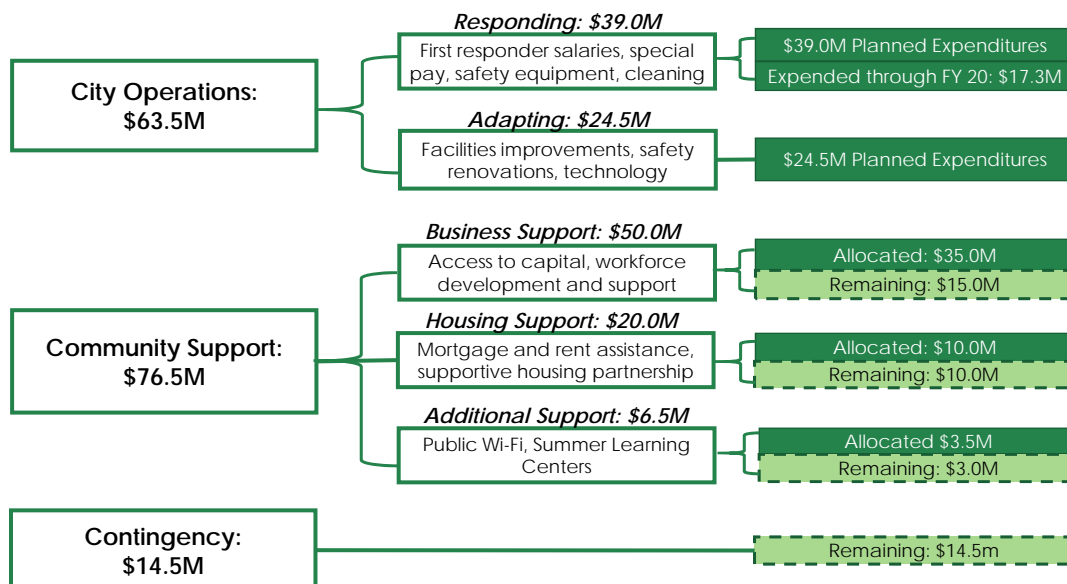
*May 11, 2020  
Recommendation*



*August 10, 2020  
Recommendation*



## Coronavirus Relief Fund Overall Plan



## City Operations: Responding and Adapting

**\$17.7 million reimbursed to the city through FY 2020**

### Responding: \$39.0 million Planned

The city can receive reimbursement for:

- First Responder salaries
- Premium (hazard) pay
- Emergency Leave
- Overtime and contractual costs related to operations
- Cleaning and safety (services and equipment)

### Adapting: \$24.5 million Planned

- Facility improvements
  - Building retrofits
  - HVAC installation
  - Safety improvements
- Technology to support an adaptive workforce

## Supporting our Local Economy



Blue Ribbon K-9 Academy –  
Access to Capital Grant Recipient

### Access to Capital

- \$30.0 million approved
- Applications Received: 3,405
- Applications Approved: 760
- Award Total: \$8.1 million
  - 96% of recipients were micro businesses
  - 75% of recipients were minority businesses

### Small Business Partner Support

- \$2.0 million approved
- 12 awards made to small business ecosystem partners

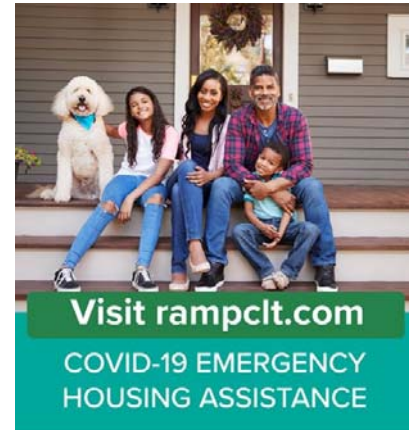
### Open for Business Platform

- Nearly 15,500 page views

**\$15.0 Million in Remaining for Allocation**

## Providing Residents with Housing Resources

- **Rent and Mortgage Relief**
  - \$2.2 million in CDBG
  - \$8.0 million through CRF
  - Distributed \$1.0 million to 1,012 households in CRF funds
- **Security and Utility Deposit Assistance**
  - \$1.275 million in CDBG
  - Program has recently been modified to address the needs of households deemed high-risk by landlords. As a result, the revised program can now provide one-month's rent in advance, in addition to deposit assistance.



## Providing Residents with Housing Resources

- **Supportive Services**
  - \$1,388,000 in ESG
  - \$2 million through CRF
  - Distributed \$1,388,000 in ESG to Roof Above and Salvation Army for extended-stay rooms, and prepared food for shelter guests
- **Housing Assistance for People With AIDS/HIV**
  - \$416,283 in HOPWA allocated to Carolinas CARE Partnership

**ROOF ABOVE**  
Working together to end homelessness



**Carlinas  
CARE**  
Partnership

*\$10.0 Million in Remaining for Allocation*



## Next Steps

- ◀ Finalize Small Business and Housing Support committee work
  - *Report out will follow presentation*
- ◀ Consider CRF allocation of additional \$3.0 million due to FEMA reimbursement

Questions?