

Legislation Text

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Coronavirus Relief Funds

Action:

- A. Adopt a budget ordinance appropriating \$154,549,215.90 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) in the COVID Stimulus Fund, and**
- B. Authorize the City Manager to execute any necessary contracts and agreements related to the Coronavirus Relief Fund.**

Staff Resource(s):

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Explanation

- The Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF), which provided \$150 billion in direct assistance for local governments, is to be used to cover expenses made in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The CRF provided direct payments to local governments with populations over 500,000; Charlotte was one of the 36 cities across the nation that met the criteria.
- Funds from the CRF may only be used to cover costs that are necessary expenditures incurred due to COVID-19, costs not accounted for in the FY 2020 Budget, and costs incurred between March 1 and December 30, 2020.
- Potential uses of the funds include medical expenses, payroll expenses, COVID-19 compliance, and economic support.
- The city has developed a funding plan ensuring funds are to be distributed to meet short-term needs and to preserve long-term stability of city services.

Background

- On March 25, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).
- In early April, the Mayor and City Council established three Community Recovery Task Forces to address community concerns related to COVID-19. These Task Forces focus on three specific areas: Small Business, Housing, and the Airport.
- On April 13, 2020, City Council appropriated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds in the amount of \$5.7 million to support homeless and housing efforts and approved an additional \$1 million from current balances to provide grants to microbusinesses within the city's identified opportunity corridors.
- On May 4, 2020, the City Manager presented the Proposed FY 2021 Budget to Council, which included a brief overview of the federal support the City of Charlotte has or would receive from the CARES Act as a result of COVID-19. Including:
 - CDBG, ESG and HOPWA funding - approximately \$5.7 million,
 - CARES Act funding designated for the Charlotte Area Transit System - approximately \$56.9 million,
 - CARES Act funding designated for the Charlotte Douglas Airport - approximately \$135 million, and

- CRF funding - approximately \$154.5 million.

Attachment(s)

Budget Ordinance