

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 362020 DISASTER ASSISTANCE COVID-19

SUBJECT

Authorize Application for Reimbursement of Disaster Assistance Expenditures Related to the COVID-19 Virus from All Appropriate Federal, State, and Local Government Sources and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance Providing Interim Funding in the Amount of \$1,000,000.00 (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize application for reimbursement of disaster assistance expenditures related to the COVID-19 virus from all appropriate federal, State, and local governmental sources; and
 2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations to create interim funding in the Grants Operating Other Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.
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DISCUSSION:

The City of Fort Worth, with appropriate diligence and caution, has already begun to plan and prepare a response to any significant outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in the Fort Worth area. The efforts of various City Departments are being preemptively mobilized toward that end. With an eye toward maximizing future reimbursement from State, federal, or other sources in the future, we want to create a repository for the accumulation of related expenses and documentation. This will allow City Management to identify and quantify the City's prevention and containment efforts, or, eventually, any future treatment efforts, if necessary. Outlays are expected to include personnel (including overtime), supplies, and contractual expenditures.

This appropriation for interim funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 will allow expenses to be identified and accumulated for future reimbursement. To the extent the City incurs expenses that are not reimbursed by other governmental sources, those expenses will be offset by a transfer from another source in the Fiscal Year budget that is current at the time the determination is made.

Although we cannot be certain yet, it is unlikely that any reimbursements will be eligible for indirect cost recovery.

ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS are affected and included.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: US Dept of Health and Human Services and Federal Emergency Management Agency

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the budget, as appropriated, of the Grants Operating Other Fund. This is expected to be a reimbursement grant. The Emergency Operations Center and Financial Management Services will be responsible for requesting reimbursement of eligible funds. All City Departments will be responsible for ensuring that only expenditures directly related to COVID-19, with appropriate documentation, are charged to this funding source.

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