


To the Mayor and Members of the City Council
September 15, 2020

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**SUBJECT: STATUS OF ASSISTANCE TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
RESPONDING TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

On August 25, 2020, the City Council approved M&C 20-0587 establishing a program to assist nonprofit organizations through use of \$4.2 million in federal Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) received through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This program and funding are separate from the "Preserve the Fort Program" being administered by the Economic Development Department, through which non-profit agencies may receive funding for protective health measures such as PPE. This program, which is being administered by the Neighborhood Services Department in collaboration with Tarrant County, is focused on agencies that provide direct services to the public. Tarrant County received and referred approximately 116 applications to the City. For agencies serving only those living within the City, funding would only come from the City. For most agencies serving a county-wide population inside and outside city limits, the County will be requesting a 40% cost-share, unless a more appropriate cost allocation is feasible. All costs must be incurred prior to December 30, 2020; therefore, contracts will be executed for a term ending on December 15 to ensure timely submission of documentation.

Staff have reviewed the applications and are making funding recommendations on an ongoing basis for presentation to the City Manager's office. In many instances, additional questions must be asked of the agencies in order to prepare subrecipient contracts and ensure that necessary cost documentation and performance reports can be obtained. Youth services and food pantry services are being prioritized during this review, as well as larger funding requests for ongoing services. Smaller requests for reimbursement of prior expenses, and technology-related requests, are being given lower priority at this stage of the review. To date, the agencies listed below have been approved by staff to be funded; some have already been recommended for funding by Tarrant County.

Nonprofit Agency Name / Service Area	Estimated Award*	Service Type / Cost Type
AB Christian Learning Center	\$ 274,400	Tutoring services at five Southeast Fort Worth locations
Community Food Bank	\$ 117,887	Food pantry, warehouse staff to address increased demand
Fort Worth SPARC	\$ 88,750	Tutoring/mentoring after-school program for children
Eastside Ministries	\$ 12,699	Food Pantry
Catholic Charities	\$ 261,981	Direct financial assistance & case management for clients
Clayton YES Youth Collaborative	\$ 576,716	Youth after-school and educational services (Partnership with Boys & Girls Club, Girls Inc., and YMCA)
Tarrant Area Food Bank	\$ 166,904	PPE-Related & Temp Labor Costs of Food Distribution
Child Care Associates	\$57,268**	Reimbursement for PPE; equipment, cleaning & supplies expenses
YMCA	\$143,332	Additional CDC recommended cleaning services; PPE for after school & childcare programs
Est. Subtotal	\$1,669,937	

***Note:** Award amounts are estimated, as final contract line-item budgets must be negotiated based on cost eligibility and cost-sharing with Tarrant County, as well as verification that Duplication of Benefits prohibited by the Stafford Act will not occur; in some cases, award amounts could increase or decrease slightly.

****Additional funding may be awarded contingent upon further clarification of program costs**

Applications are being recommended based upon entities meeting the following criteria:

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- Providing services to meet basic needs, in particular, those related to food, housing, or other necessities and/or
- Providing services or goods to meet unanticipated public-health-related costs such as Personal Protective Equipment or other protective health measures. [NOTE: Requests pertaining exclusively to this category will be referred to the Economic Development Department in order to avoid duplication of benefits and maximize the number of nonprofits assisted]

The following criteria are used for denial of proposals without consideration for award:

- Revenue replacement to make up for loss of income by the nonprofit
- Programs that do not provide direct assistance to individuals or households
- Applicant is unable to demonstrate adequate financial management or record keeping ability required for CRF funding
- Duplication of benefits in violation of the Stafford Act
- Inability to document services are provided to City residents

Additional Informal Reports listing agencies anticipated to be funded will be provided regularly until all nonprofit applications have been fully reviewed and necessary additional information obtained. All agencies participating in this program, whether or not awarded CRF funding, will be referred to the Neighborhood Services Department's HUD grants competitive Request for Proposal process for any upcoming CDBG or related allocations.

If you have any questions or concerns related to this effort, please contact Victor Turner, Director of Neighborhood Services, at 817-392-8187.

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