

Adoption of Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget to Accept \$1,003,970 in State Coronavirus Relief Funds and Amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Budget to Increase Revenue and Expenditures Appropriations by \$903,970 in the General Fund and by \$100,000 in the Human Services Fund in Order to Offset Costs Associated with the City's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic;
and
Recommendation to Approve a Report on City Activities and Expenditures Related to the COVID-19 Emergency.

September 1, 2020



City's Efforts have Focused on Three Crucial Areas of Support During the COVID-19 Emergency:

- **Ensuring the continued health and well-being of employees serving the public**
 - Estimated expenditures to date - \$380,000 (Does not include expanded family leave or COVID-19 leave)
- **The health and well-being of the community**
 - Estimated cost to date - \$110,000 (Does not include full cost of FEMA trailers)
- **Actions to mitigate the economic impact of COVID-19**
 - Estimated cost to date - \$600,000



City is Eligible for an Allocation of \$1,003,970 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

- Funding can be used in six different categories and must be spent by December 30, 2020:
 1. **Medical Expenses** – Treatment, temporary medical facilities, testing, emergency medical response, telemedicine
 2. **Public Health Expenses** – Communication, protective equipment, disinfecting of facilities, quarantining
 3. **Substantially Dedicated Payroll Expenses** – Public safety, public health and human services



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4. **Complying with Public Health Measures and to Mitigate the impacts of COVID-19** – Food delivery to seniors, telework for public employees and caring for homeless individuals
 5. **Economic Support** – Grants to small businesses, grant or financial assistance to pay overdue rent/mortgage in order to avoid eviction and unemployment costs
 6. **Other** – Hazard pay, increased workers' compensation cost, public health emergency recovery planning
- The first spending report is due to the State on September 4, 2020



Recommend the \$1 million in Funding be Allocated into Two Broad Categories

Expenses already incurred:

- \$250,000 to reimburse the General Fund for the Small Business Relief Grant Program approved in April 2020
- \$250,000 to partially offset costs that will not be reimbursed by FEMA such as the Families First leave, equipment used for telework, staff time used to disinfect facilities, increased unemployment expenses and public safety salaries.

Proposed use of the additional \$503,000:

- \$300,000 be used for Economic Development Relief. This could include association assistance or individual assistance
- \$203,970 be used for a combination of additional assistance for homeless individuals related to COVID-19 and/or future testing



Other Options - Allocate the \$1 million in Funding to Future Costs

- While City staff have some budget concerns going to into Fiscal Year 2020-2021, based on preliminary General Fund Fiscal 2019-2020 year-end results, City Council could choose to allocate the full \$1 million in funding for future programing. Additional options include:
- Fund a “Block by Block” program to provide a safe and sanitary environment to support outdoor services for the two main streets through December 31, 2020
 - Fund the purchase of barriers and provide technical assistance to safely allow for outdoor dining and commerce
 - Allocate funds to the Alameda Strong Community Relief Fund to provide financial support to small businesses impacted by the crisis
 - Provide economic support for the Downtown Alameda Business Association (DABA) and West Alameda Business Association (WABA)
 - Additional funds for programs for homeless individuals to mitigate the effects of COVID-19



Questions/Comments

