

WHEREAS, the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has been declared a public health disaster; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Treasury has made funding available to the City of Dallas to cover expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2020, City Council authorized the preliminary adoption of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act Relief ("CRF") Funds by Resolution No. 20-0599; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2020, City Council authorized the City Manager to accept funding from the United States Department of Treasury for the CRF funds and to expend CRF funds in compliance with the CARES Act by Resolution No. 20-0644; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2020, further allocations of the CRF funding were briefed to City Council; and

WHEREAS, City of Dallas residents have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic by reduced work hours, job losses, increased healthcare expenses, increased childcare expenses, and in many other ways financially; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas has seen significant need for various basic necessities, for adversely impacted residents such as supplemental food items, hygiene products, personal protective equipment and other items; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas seeks to provide support to individuals, families, and seniors adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic by distributing various basic necessities.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to **(1)** implement an emergency Resident Necessities Assistance Program (Program) as described in **Exhibit A**, in an amount up to \$800,000.00 in Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) funding, to provide basic necessities to residents adversely impacted by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), and **(2)** accept donations to the Program.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase basic necessities and/or to execute all documents and agreements necessary to implement the Program, including but not limited to agreement(s) to administer the Program, approved as to form by the City Attorney. Purchases and/or execution of the necessary agreements/documents may exceed \$50,000, without further City Council approval, subject to compliance with the applicable procurement requirements.

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SECTION 3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to increase appropriations from the Coronavirus Relief Fund for interest accrued in an amount up to \$800,000.00 from \$234,443,127.60 to \$235,243,127.60, in the Coronavirus Relief Fund, Fund F620, Department BMS, Unit 5081, Object 3099.

SECTION 4. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds in an amount up to \$800,000.00 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, Fund F620, Department BMS, Unit 5081, Object 3099.

SECTION 5. That this Program will spend CRF funds and/or future appropriations of relief funding and/or donated funding.

SECTION 6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.



EXHIBIT A**Office of Community Care
Resident Necessities Assistance Program
Program Statement****Description – Resident Necessities Assistance Program**

The program targets residents of the City of Dallas who have been directly or indirectly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and are experiencing financial difficulties. Events and distribution activities will be held on various dates and locations to distribute basic necessity items to individuals, families, and seniors who have been directly or indirectly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and are experiencing financial difficulties.

This program may utilize non-profit agencies to serve as subrecipients or distribution partners for the Program.

Eligible Participants

Residents of the City of Dallas who have been directly or indirectly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and are experiencing financial difficulties.

Clients must:

- Reside in the City of Dallas at the time of receipt of service
- Have been impacted directly or indirectly by the COVID-19 pandemic

COVID-19 impact may include:

- proof of job/income loss, temporary or permanent
- reduction in work hours/income
- increased healthcare or household expenses that attributed to insufficiency of rent payments (i.e. increased child-care expenses due to school closures)
- unable to find, or maintain gainful employment due to COVID-19
- other evidence of negative impact of COVID-19
- financial instability or uncertainty due to pandemic
- unable to afford certain basic necessities
- live in or receive service in an area with high rates of COVID-19 and/or zip code identified in the COVID Equity Impact Assessment Tool or that meets one of the other criteria outlined below for Eligible Distribution sites

Eligible Distribution Sites

City-owned properties and nonprofit provider partner sites located in areas of high need, as identified by the COVID Equity Impact Assessment Tool, communities of concentrated poverty, or with higher than average impact of COVID-19 pandemic, such as high rates of evictions or foreclosure, high rates of job impact, high rates of positive cases, or other economic impacts.

Assistance

Provides hygiene items, personal protective equipment, supplemental food items, and other necessities for individuals, families and seniors. Examples of such items include, but are not limited to:

- Diapers and wipes
- Baby formula and bottles
- Heating units to support homebound seniors
- Toilet paper
- Soap, shampoo and toiletries
- Distilled water
- Feminine hygiene products
- Senior hygiene products
- Personal protective equipment
 - Face coverings for adults and children
 - Hand sanitizers

Funding

Various funding types may be used under this Program and must follow the requirements of the funding types. The Program may include, but is not limited to the distribution of basic necessity items purchased using available funds provided through the CARES Act, Coronavirus Relief Funds, future federal or state relief funds and/or donated funds, as well as distribution of donated items.

This Program Statement may be amended by the City Manager or designee to include amendments as appropriate to meet changing needs and funding requirements.