



City of San Marcos

City Council Work Session

February 2, 2021



Purpose

Coronavirus Relief Funds may free up General Funds

- 1) Discuss priorities for programs that can be funded
- 2) Discuss a decision mechanism for choosing programs



Outline

Coronavirus Relief Funds may free up General Funds

- 1) Funding – why, when, and how much
- 2) Current need and resources
- 3) Council priorities for programs
- 4) How to move funds quickly to individuals
- 5) General use categories
- 6) Decision mechanism for what is funded



Funding: why and when

- **December 15, 2020** – San Marcos submitted application for \$3.6 million CARES Act→Treasury→Texas Dept of Emergency Management (TDEM)
- Proof required for the entire \$3.6 million, in categories specified by TDEM
- TDEM has until mid-March to confirm eligibility of all expenses submitted



Non-Budgeted COVID-19 Pandemic Related Expenses

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| Public Health Provision | \$475,691 | Personal protective equipment, touchless water access in sinks and fountains, fencing |
| Other Reasonably Necessary | \$1,164 | Administrative Costs |
| Compliance with Public Health Restrictions | \$367,032 | Phone system, learning management system |
| Compliance with Public Health Restrictions | \$98,925 | Computers for San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District |
| Budgeted Expenses | | |
| Fire and Police Salaries and Benefits | \$2,671,995 | Payroll for public health and safety (City: Police and Fire) |
| TOTAL REQUESTED | \$3,614,807 | Pending approval from Texas Department of Emergency Management |



Funding: how much

Subtract:

- Current non-budgeted pandemic expenses, such as public safety support for vaccinations
- Reimbursement of pandemic costs (for ex. CVB)

= Approximately \$2.0-2.3 million available



Program Parameters

- Must have a PUBLIC BENEFIT – these are government funds for the citizens of San Marcos
- Does not have to meet CARES Act requirements
- Should not create recurring expenses since these are ONE TIME funds



How to move funds quickly to individuals

Subtitle:...What does it take to run a program?

1. Decisions - who is eligible (Policies)
2. Decisions - program objectives and measurements
3. Procedures - step by step
4. Marketing materials and process
5. Application intake, review, decisions
6. Program implementation
7. Close out and final reporting



Current Capacity in San Marcos

- Non-Profits and Resources
- Community Development Block Grant Recipients
- Human Services Advisory Board Recipients



Current Pandemic Impact on San Marcos

- Businesses closed and partially open
- Little tourism or social gatherings
- Unexpected child care, medical, technology expenses
- From March, 2020 → Until ??



Council Direction Needed: Uses of Funds

FIRST: subtract unbudgeted City pandemic expenses (past + ongoing vaccination support)

THEN FOR THE REST:

PANDEMIC **90%**: rent/mortgage/utilities/car payments, business expenses, crisis funding

SYSTEMIC **10%**: non-profit training, HMIS software, comprehensive homelessness needs assessment



Council Direction Needed: **Funding Distribution**

COUNCIL ALLOCATION to existing programs

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Call for applications from agencies
- Evaluation and scoring (similar to CDBG)
- Recommendation to Council for final funding allocation



Next steps

1. Mid-March: Receive notice of approved amount
2. Subtract unbudgeted items from the amount
3. Immediate next City Council meeting – either choose decision mechanism or designate funding recipient
4. Agency application process (if needed)
5. Fund program(s) only after funding received from TDEM