

The following applications were received for the Coronavirus Relief – General Fund Grant Program:

Applicant	Project Title	Project Description	Requested
Casa of Central Texas Inc.	Advocates for the Backlog of Child Protection Cases	Focus of this funding will be on cases which have been delayed due to COVID-19 court extensions; additional visits plus backlogged cases will lead to influx of court dates and hearings	\$40,000
Hays County Food Bank	Home Delivery San Marcos	Continuation of pandemic home-delivery service for individuals over 65 with limited transportation, income eligibility, and living in 1-2 person household; may be expanded to younger persons with disability	\$6,830
Hays-Caldwell Women's Center	Marla Johnson Family Housing Complex	Salaries, benefits, and playground equipment for new transitional housing facility	\$121,860
Hill Country Community MHMR	Direct Cash Assistance	Funding to pay utilities, rent, mortgage, hotel stays, tents, pre-paid gas cards for people served by Hill Country who have been negatively impacted by the pandemic	\$94,050
Splash Coworking	Future Proof Your Career	Career transition skills training and assistance with job search, with a focus on remote work	\$37,569
Splash Coworking	Waste to Resource	Program participants will be certified in closed-loop recycling and able to produce small gardens for their households by turning local waste into compost.	\$100,000
Together for a Cause	Transitional Housing Program	Transitional housing from 2 weeks to 6 months with support services	\$150,000
TOTAL REQUESTED			\$550,309

A committee of three volunteers from the Human Services Advisory Board independently reviewed all applications, and scored them per the evaluation criteria and the risk assessment criteria. Average scores were as follows:

AGENCY	EVALUATION (Max=100)	RISK (High=35+)	COMMITTEE COMMENTS
Court Appointed Special Advocates	97	0	clear description of increased need; agency has a long successful history with this program
Hays County Food Bank*	92	0	new pandemic-related program has already been successfully running; known entity
Hays-Caldwell Women's Center			not eligible due to requirement for relationship to pandemic; applicant is encouraged to apply for Human Services funding
Hill Country Community MHMR	88	0	clearly related to the pandemic; addition to established programs is low risk;
Splash Coworking			not eligible due to for-profit status; applicant is encouraged to apply for Human Services funding with 501(c)(3) status
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Together for a Cause	17	46	Program description lacks details such as location and cost of hotel stays, description of support services to be provided, how goals will be achieved

*evaluated by 2 of the 3 committee members, with 1 recused

The committee's recommendation to City Council for allocation of funding to projects for the Coronavirus Relief – General Fund grant program is as follows:

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	TOTAL ALLOCATED	\$140,880
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RECOMMENDATION FOR REMAINING FUNDING:

The review committee recommends that the remaining funding of \$499,120 be added to the Human Services Advisory Board application process this year, and that the stipulation be removed that the program must be related to negative impacts of the pandemic.