



CARES Act Funding Update

City Council Study Session 9/14/20

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CARES Act Overview

- \$2.2 trillion economic stimulus bill
- \$150 billion provided for payments to State, Local, and Tribal governments navigating the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Amounts paid are based on population (Jackson County allocation: \$122.7 million)

Funding Eligibility

1. Necessary expenditures incurred due to COVID–19
2. Unaccounted for in budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020
3. Incurred between March 1, 2020, and December 30, 2020.

Independence Allocation

- Jackson County Legislature allocated \$36,924,000 in CARES Act funding for cities
- \$40 million distributed to cities over 5,000 in population within Jackson County.
- Independence: 17.4%/\$6,953,474
 - City identified nearly \$22 million in eligible costs

Independence Spending Plan

- Approved by City Council 8/3/20
- Funds received from Jackson County 8/18/20
- Based on pro rata allocation of original \$22 million request

Independence Spending Plan

Category	Original Request	Funded Amount	Outstanding
Public Testing Expenditures	\$3,500,000	\$926,109.59	\$2,573,890.41
Public Health Expenditures	\$7,962,465.45	\$2,141,221.80	\$5,821,243.65
Public Safety Payroll	\$90,749.85	\$90,749.85	\$0
COVID Precautions	\$1,492,795.47	\$1,492,795.47	\$0
Utility Assistance	\$8,500,000	\$2,249,123.29	\$6,250,876.71
Total	\$21,546,010.77	\$6,900,000	\$14,646,010.77

Medical Expenditures

- Public testing expenses: \$926,109.59
 - Status: RFQ posted 9/4/20. Closes 10/5/20.
 - Soliciting responses from qualified firms to provide COVID testing kits.
 - Estimated cost: \$125/test. Estimated need: 1,000 tests/week. Amount covers 2 months of testing.

Public Health Expenses

- Acquisition of medical/protective supplies:
\$385,756.71
 - Status: \$47,957.29 expended
 - Waiting on some items to come back into stock.
May only order based on vendor allocations.
 - Augmented with SEMA/Donated supplies.

Public Health Expenses

- Disinfection of public areas: \$16,469.74
 - Status: \$8,279.71 expended.
 - Majority represents amount identified as purchased through June 30.

Public Health Expenses

- Technical assistance: \$1,325,465.67
 - Status: \$3,461,714 under contract.
 - Supports technology and equipment to enhance Cybersecurity/Telecommuting capabilities.
 - Encumbrances exceed amount available (\$2,136,248.33)

Public Health Expenses

- Quarantining individuals: \$413,529.67
 - Status: \$4,185.81 expended.
 - Remaining balance represents estimate for future costs associated with quarantining employees.

Public Safety Payroll Expenses

- Public safety payroll: \$90,749.85
 - Status: \$33,904.36 expended.
 - Covers actual expenses for public safety employees hours worked responding to COVID 19.

COVID Precautions

- Paid sick/family medical leave: \$1,226,171.99
 - Status: \$1,808,563.87 expended.
 - Covered actual payroll expenses for employees to work remotely in an effort to mitigate exposure between employees.
 - Expenses exceed amount available (\$845,982.82)

COVID Precautions

- Social distancing precautions: \$266,623.48
 - Status: \$530,214.42 expended.
 - Covered signs, floor decals, plexi-glass and other barriers, and absorbing credit card convenience fees to encourage online payment of utility bills.
 - Expenses exceed amount available (\$263,590.94)

Utility Bill Payment Assistance

- Customer bill pay assistance: \$2,249,123.29
 - Status: Under contract.
 - Agreement executed between City and Community Services League to facilitate program. Went live 9/3/20. 385 applications as of 9/8/20.

Delinquent Bills Status

- Increased from onset of pandemic:
 - March 2020: \$1,470,401 (5,320 customers/8.3%)
 - August 2020: \$1,908,750 (6,860 customers/11%)
 - Increase of \$438,349 (1,540 customers)
 - Delinquent balance July to August: decreased by \$584,058 (\$2,492,808 to \$1,908,750)

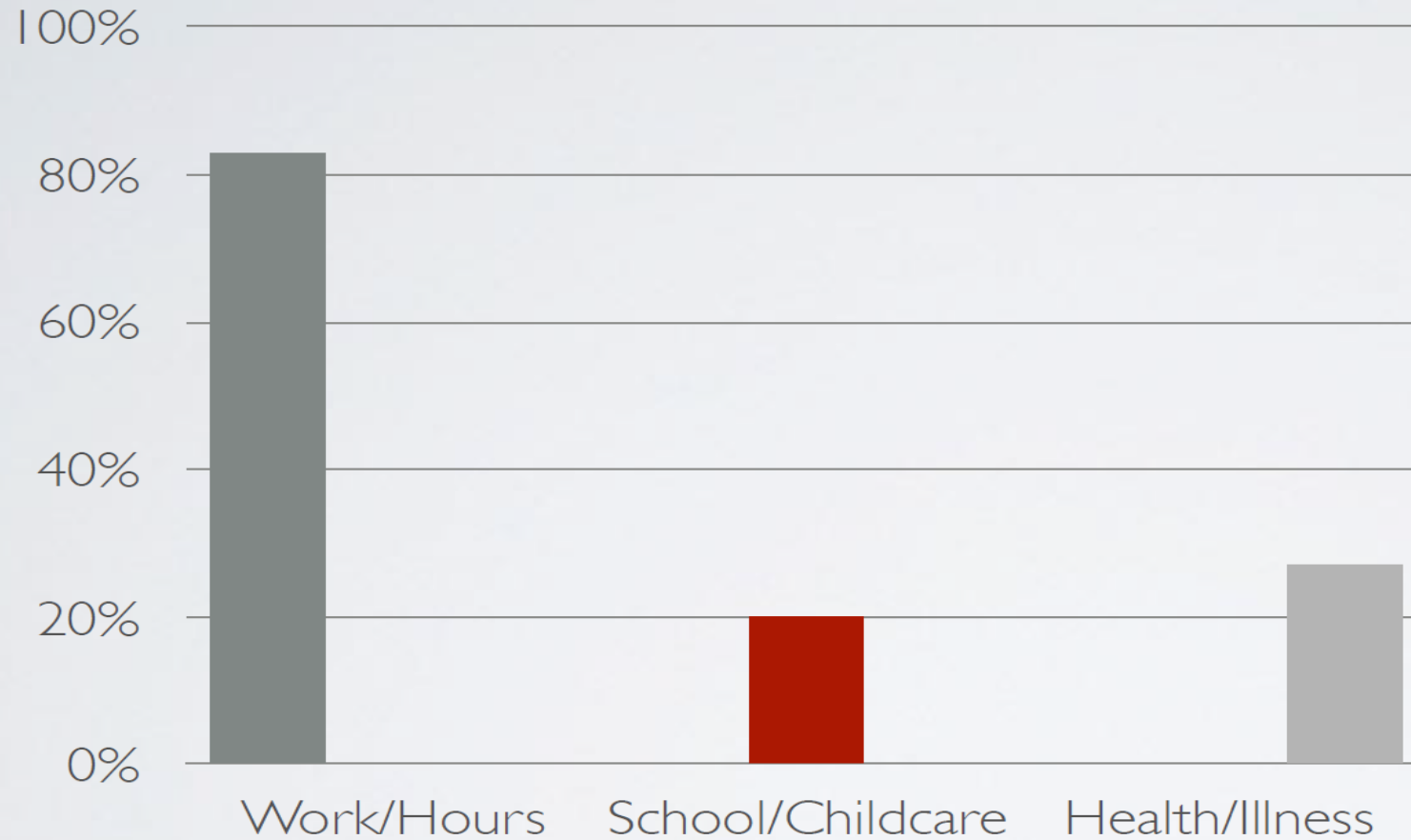
Customer Demographics

- Mostly between 21 and 60 – with the oldest being 76 years of age.
- Average stated household size = 3.56
- Average stated monthly income = \$1,746
- Live in zip codes across the city. Higher concentrations in 64055 and 64050

Utility Account Demographics

- Average stated past-due utility amount = \$686
 - 39% of monthly income
- Average stated ability to pay amount = \$160
- Leaves gap of ~\$526/household

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Public Accountability

- Developing expenditure dashboard
 - Categories and metrics:
 - Utility Assistance Program
 - Testing
 - PPE and Social Distancing
 - Payroll Expenses

Other COVID-19 Resources

- BJA Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program: \$133,000
- CDBG-CV: \$478,943
- CARES Act Public Transit: \$1.6 M
- Show-Me Strong DMO Recovery Plan: \$1.55 M

Category	Expended	Under Contract	CARES Allocation Balance	Amount Over Original Allocation
Medical Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$926,109.59	\$0
Public Safety Payroll	\$33,904.36	\$0	\$56,845.49	\$0
Public Health	\$61,917.04	\$3,461,714	\$753,839.05	\$2,136,248.33
COVID Precautions	\$2,338,778.29	\$0	\$0	\$845,982.82
Utility Payment Assistance	\$0	\$2,249,123.29	\$0	\$0
Total	\$2,434,599.69	\$5,710,837.29	\$1,736,794.13	\$2,982,231.15

Questions?