

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 13, 2022

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding for City Council Districts**

As part of our \$355.4 million ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF), the City Council approved \$16 million to provide for City Council district-specific needs. The allocation includes \$1 million for each of the 14 City Council Members and \$2 million for the Mayor to determine the specific use.

The broad categories of eligible uses outlined in the federal legislation include:

- 1) Respond to COVID-19 or its economic impacts;
- 2) Replace revenue lost due to COVID-19;
- 3) Provide premium pay for eligible essential workers; and
- 4) Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

Since the original passage of the legislation, the U.S. Treasury has issued multiple updates, letters of guidance, FAQs, and other clarifying materials, with the most recent update effective on April 1, 2022. It is now clear that beyond the four eligible uses listed in the legislation, the first category (respond to COVID-19 or its economic impacts) provides more flexibility than originally understood and generally allows for more activities in qualified census tracts or to serve individuals/communities that were disproportionately affected by the pandemic.

Earlier this year, staff met with each of you to identify the types of activities that you are considering for your district. We have reviewed each idea, determined if it is an eligible use of the ARPA/CLFRF fund, and summarized eligible activities on the attached document.

I ask now that you provide me with email correspondence indicating which activities and the amount that you choose to allocate to each activity. If there is another activity that you are interested in that is not listed, please let me know so that staff can determine its eligibility. Please submit the allocation of your discretionary funds by Tuesday, May 31 so that staff can begin to develop programs accordingly.

If you have additional questions, please contact me or Jack Ireland, Director in Budget and Management Services.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Elizabeth Reich".

M. Elizabeth Reich
Chief Financial Officer

[Attachment]

c: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
Chris Caso, City Attorney
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| Row # | Program or Activity | Eligible citywide | Eligible Impacted Business, Household or Community only | Eligible Qualified Census Tract only | Not eligible |
|-------|---|-------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Bike lane (striping or infrastructure improvements) | | | X | |
| 2 | Broadband infrastructure | X | | | |
| 3 | Building permit improvements | | | | X |
| 4 | Childcare and childcare provider assistance | | X | X | |
| 5 | City technology infrastructure systems (increase/improve access to government services) | X | | | |
| 6 | Code compliance (blight remediation, lighting, overgrown vegetation) | | | X | |
| 7 | COVID vaccination, testing, education | X | | | |
| 8 | Day labor | | X | | |
| 9 | Entrepreneurship/Innovation Center | | X | X | |
| 10 | Food security (grocery store, community garden) | | | X | |
| 11 | Food security and essential services | | X | X | |
| 12 | Front line workers at care facilities | X | | | |
| 13 | Home repair (weatherization, seniors, workforce development, smart thermometers, etc.) | | X | X | |
| 14 | Infrastructure (ADA, alleys, pedestrian crossings, signals, sidewalks, curbs) | | | X | |
| 15 | Landmark/historic survey | | | | X |
| 16 | Library community room - Renner Frankford Library | | | | X |
| 17 | Mental health assistance | | X | X | |
| 18 | Panhandling signage | | | | X |
| 19 | Park land (Better Block green space) | | | X | |
| 20 | Park land acquisition | | | | X |
| 21 | Senior assistance, senior facility assistance, mental health, isolation services | | X | X | |
| 22 | Skate park construction | | | | X |
| 23 | Small Business Assistance | | X | X | |
| 24 | Small Business Assistance (facility and/or infrastructure improvements) | | | X | |
| 25 | Social service programs offered by Office of Community Care | | X | X | |
| 26 | Traffic calming (speed humps, lights, signage) | | | X | |
| 27 | Trail connectivity | | | X | |
| 28 | Vickery Meadows community | | | X | |
| 29 | Water/sewer infrastructure | X | | | |
| 30 | Workforce development | | X | | |
| 31 | 911/311/radio access (technology for underserved areas) | X | | | |