



Federal COVID Response Funding

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Presentation Overview

- **Updated Committee Schedule**
- **Process overview**
- **Council Bill 120041 (name / CRF bill)**
- **Next Steps**

Updated Committee Schedule

Date	Time	Committee Topics for Discussion
Tues, April 20	9:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Panel• Extending Funding for COVID Response Efforts in 2021 (CB 120041) (V)
Tues, May 4*	5:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Hearing
Wed, May 5*	2:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extending Funding for COVID Response Efforts in 2021 (CB 120041) (V)• 2021 ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery (CLFR) Funds – Potential spending proposals prior to introducing legislation
Tues, May 18	9:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CLFR Funds – Potential spending proposals prior to introducing legislation
Wed, June 2*	2:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CLFR Bill – Identify potential amendments.
Tues, June 15	9:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CLFR Bill (V)

*Special Meeting | (V) Potential Vote

Process Update – Multiple Appropriation Bills

1. Council Bill 120041

- \$18 million of unallocated 2020 Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF)

2. American Rescue Plan Act's (ARPA) Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery (CLFR) Fund

- Tranche 1 of CLFR funds (estimate ~\$119 million)

3. ARPA Targeted Aid

- \$12.2 million from ARPA HOME Investment Partnerships Program
- Other targeted aid TBD

Process

- **Pass Council Bill 120041:** \$18 million of unallocated 2020 Coronavirus Relief Funds
- **Develop starting point for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) CLFR Funds;** this includes:
 - Receiving and digesting final guidance from US Dept. of the Treasury on amount and eligible use of CLFR funds and federal guidance on other targeted aid to assemble as full a picture as possible of funding sources available from ARPA
 - Coordinating with county and state on their spending proposals to leverage shared resources to the maximum extent possible
 - Legislative and Executive staff working together to identify potential investments based on spending priorities identified by the Council ([RES 31999](#)) and the Mayor.
 - Gather input and feedback from community partners: councilmember offices outreach to stakeholders, executive listening sessions, and Council's public hearing scheduled for 5/4 at 5:30 PM
 - Reviewing potential spending proposals using a racial equity lens

CB 120041: Proposed Appropriations

Community Well-being <i>(Slides 6 & 7)</i>	\$9,359,600
Childcare stabilization grants – additional funds to provide financial assistance to the remaining providers in Tier 2 group	\$600,000
Emergency Grocery Vouchers – increase to fully fund final cohort through April 2021	\$100,000
Food bank support	\$2,120,000
Other Shelter Meals	\$1,663,200
Permanent Supportive Housing Meals	\$3,734,800
School Produce Bags	\$1,141,600
Public Health & Emergency Response <i>(Slide 8)</i>	\$7,700,000
Clean City – funds program through year-end 2021	\$5,800,000
Vaccine outreach for hard-to-reach groups	\$1,500,000
City Return to Work & Reopening <i>(Slide 9)</i>	\$800,000
Internal Project Management Staffing	\$800,000

Community Well-being (Slide 1 of 2)

- **Childcare:** \$600k for childcare stabilization grants
 - Grants prioritized for providers that served a child on state or local subsidy within the last 12 months and operated within a priority geographical area as defined by the City RSJI Equity Index
 - 74 grants to all remaining eligible Tier 2 providers in addition to 506 grants already distributed
- **Food Services:** \$100k for Emergency Grocery Voucher Program
 - Needed due to higher than anticipated redemption rates in 2021

Community Well-being (Slide 2 of 2)

- **Other Food Services: \$8.7M** to extend current service levels through 2021
 - **Food bank support – \$2.12M**
Food, staffing and operational costs, such as home delivery and other service model changes
 - **Shelter meals – \$1.6M**
Meals at 12 locations consistent with social distancing guidance
 - **Permanent Supportive Housing Meals - \$3.7M**
Meals at 28 locations to discourage congregate eating; has also improved health of residents and opportunities for service engagement
 - **School Produce Bags – \$1.14M**
Serves 7,500 income qualified SPS families per week; each week families receive a two-pound bag of produce along with prepared meals from SPS.

Public Health & Emergency Response

- **\$5.8M to extend Clean City efforts through end of 2021**
 - Continue to improve public health and safety of parks, greenspaces, streets and sidewalks and reduce community debris
 - Continues funding for SPR, SDOT, and SPU Community Clean Teams, SPU Community Litter Routes, and SPU Graffiti Rangers
- **\$1.5M Vaccine outreach for hard-to-reach groups**
 - \$1.32M to OIRA to: contract with community-based organizations for community vaccine events & outreach; and for ethnic media and in-language vaccine outreach
 - \$183k to DON for vaccine outreach to underserved communities to promote more equitable vaccination rates

City Return to Work & Reopening

~\$800k for Term-limited positions in CBO, FAS, and OEM to provide needed staffing for proper administration, management, and reporting on federal funding:

- **CBO Positions:** for budgeting, reporting, and tracking federal funding activities;
- **FAS:** Accounting staffing for tracking, correcting, documenting, and reporting City expenditures for FEMA and other federal funds; and
- **OEM:** Provide for better coordination of recovery efforts related to the COVID-19 pandemic, managing FEMA applications and responding to questions related to FEMA.

Upcoming Discussions on ARPA CLFR Funds

Develop specific proposals for new significant investments in:

- Homelessness and housing services and programs;
- Economic recovery and reopening efforts; and
- Other community support (e.g., direct financial assistance to individuals, gender-based violence response services)

Next Steps

- **Committee recommendation on CB 120041**
- **Public Hearing: May 4th, 5:30 PM on CLFR Funds**
- **Continue to develop proposal for use of CLFR Funds**
- **Introduce and consider CLFR Appropriations bill in late May through early to mid-June**