



**City of Harrisonburg
CARES Act Advisory Task Force
Recommendations
Thursday, September 10, 2020**

The Task Force recommends that the Harrisonburg City Council use \$3.1 million in CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funding to support the community's response to the COVID-19 health emergency by focusing on four areas:

- Economic Stabilization
- Community Health
- Thriving Education
- Social Services

The Task Force identified community needs that fall within each area. The Task Force prioritized the community needs in each area based on degree of importance for funding. Tier One is of top priority to the Task Force. Tier Two of secondary priority to the Task Force. Tier Three is of lesser priority to the Task Force, but still important if feasible and if funding remains after addressing the needs identified in Tier One and Tier Two.

Economic Stabilization

Tier One

- Assistance for businesses
- Assistance for non-profits

Tier Two

- Assistance for arts and culture (museums, artists, musicians)

Tier Three

- Job training
- Marketing/re-opening tourism

Thriving Education

Tier One

- Distance learning (e.g. internet access)

Tier Three

- HCPS expenses
- Payroll for educational support staff

Social Services

Tier One

- Rent/mortgage relief
- Childcare
- Internet- enhancing access for those relying more on internet due to teleworking, virtual school

Tier Two

- Food assistance
- Utility assistance
- Interpretation/translation for COVID-19 programs
- Homelessness services
- Legal assistance

Tier Three

- Financial assistance

Community Health

Tier One

- Mental health, substance abuse, suicide prevention

Tier Two

- COVID-19 medical expenses
- COVID-19 testing
- Health clinic support (e.g. shift to telemedicine appointments)

Tier Three

- Contact tracing
- Flu shots