

City of Harrisonburg, Virginia



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TO: Eric D. Campbell, City Manager
FROM: Ande Banks, Deputy City Manager
DATE: September 17, 2020
RE: CARES Act Advisory Task Force – Staff Funding Recommendations

Summary: City staff have prepared a draft funding plan based on the needs identified and prioritized by the CARES Act Advisory Task Force. These funding recommendations are also informed by the first round of CARES Act funding and are made in conjunction with the logistics of community partnerships as City staff continue to work through quantifying community needs and eligibility associated with the federal funding parameters.

Background: City Council established the CARES Act Advisory Task Force with community leaders to identify needs and prioritize those needs to ensure community engagement in the process of determining how best to utilize CARES Act funding.

Key Issues: Staff recommendation for funding of Task Force identified community needs.

Environmental Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: Allocation of \$3.1 Million of the City's second CARES Act funds.

Prior Actions: City Council previously appropriated \$4.6 Million for City expenses and other community needs including business assistance, relief for rental and mortgage payments and utility payments as well as food and homeless assistance.

Alternatives: (a) Accept staff recommendation
(b); or modify staff recommendation

Community Engagement: The task force met over two weeks and through three facilitated meetings and found consensus on their specific recommendations.

Recommendation: Staff recommends providing staff direction on the preference for funding allocations for the Task Force's priorities while staff continues to work on the logistics and eligibility of each.

Attachments: (a) City Manager Memorandum
(b) CARES Act Advisory Task Force Recommendations

Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.