

City of Pensacola

Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act

City of Pensacola, Florida

Funding Request

July 22, 2020

INTRODUCTION

The City of Pensacola understands that a portion of \$57.3 million awarded to the County from the State of Florida through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Federal stimulus package will be allocated to the municipalities and townships located within Escambia County. In an effort to provide the County with an idea of the City's needs to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19, the needs below have been identified. Funding will be utilized by the City to cover COVID-19 response-related costs which:

1. Are necessary expenditures incurred due to COVID-19
2. Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020
3. Were incurred during the period that began March 1, 2020 and ends December 30, 2020

PUBLIC FACILITIES ~ \$2,600,000

This category is designated to manage, control, and reduce the immediate threats to public health and safety by ensuring public facilities remain safe for the community. Based on the availability of funds, programs and services may include but are not limited to:

- A. Enhanced sanitizing, disinfecting and safety protocols in City owned buildings and public venues
- B. Permanent safety improvements, reconfigurations, barriers, temperature scanners, hand sanitizing machines, air sanitizing systems and like items
- C. Design, translation and promotion of COVID-19 messaging to ensure building safety protocols are known
- D. Equipment purchases to make public events available for citizens in a safe environment through social distancing measures

EMPLOYEE HEALTH/SAFETY ~ \$2,100,000

This category is designated to manage, control, and reduce the immediate threats to public health and safety by providing a safe work environment for the City of Pensacola employees. Based on availability of funds, programs and services may include but are not limited to:

- A. Establishment of permanent telework programs including equipment

- B. Purchase of software to move towards electronic forms and training
- C. Purchase of personal protective equipment and personal cleaning supplies
- D. Increased staff to oversee COVID-19 project sending and accounting
- E. Increased in-house nursing staff
- F. Enhanced mental health services for first responders
- G. Training for police and fire personnel to deal with COVID19 responses
- H. Single person active shooter simulator
- I. Additional pay to employees who must work with the public in face-to-face settings putting them at higher risk for infection
- J. Reimbursement of payments for the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA) and Emergency Family Medical Leave Act (EFMLA) resulting for COVID-19

PUBLIC HEALTH/SAFETY ~ \$725,000

This category is designated to manage, control, and reduce the immediate threats to public health and safety by providing a safe environment for the City of Pensacola citizens. Based on availability of funds, programs and services may include but are not limited to:

- A. Increase cost of police services to enforce laws and regulations that requires the general public to wear mask within City of Pensacola limits
- B. Enhanced sanitation services to keep up with the additional yard waste
- C. Rental/purchase of public hand wash stations to be placed in public areas
- D. Purchase of personal protective equipment for use by public at public facilities
- E. Public awareness campaigns
- F. Provide free grab-and-go meals for any child under the age of 18 with no income restrictions
- G. Data collection and reporting through the Emergency Support Function program

ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND HUMAN SERVICES ~ \$5,075,000

This category is dedicated to restoring the economy, maintaining the workforce and assisting individual households recover from the effects of COVID-19. Based on availability of funds, programs and services may include but are not limited to:

- A. Payment of delinquent rent or mortgage and utilities to avoid foreclosure or eviction through the expansion of the City's Housing Assistance Program
- B. Funding to small business through the City of Pensacola, Florida Small Business COVID-19 Recovery Grant Fund administered through the University of West Florida Foundation, Inc.
- C. Construction of Homeless Shelter