



DATE: July 21, 2020
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Manager
SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Authorizing and Appropriating Additional Emergency Funding in Response to Novel (New) Coronavirus (COVID-19)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts a Resolution (Attachment II) authorizing and appropriating an additional \$1 million dollars in emergency funding from the General Fund Reserve fund for continued response to COVID-19 related community and emergency supply needs.

SUMMARY

On March 17, 2020, the City Council adopted a resolution ratifying a local emergency due to the ongoing spread of a severe acute respiratory illness in Alameda County caused by a novel coronavirus (COVID -19). At that time, Council authorized the appropriation of \$3 million from the General Fund Reserve fund to address growing concerns within the Hayward community regarding the sudden onset of COVID-19.

This report requests that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing and appropriating an additional \$1 million in emergency response funding.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On March 17, 2020, the City Council adopted a resolution ratifying a local emergency in response to COVID-19. At that time, Council authorized the appropriation of \$3 million from the General Fund to obtain necessary supplies, requisition of necessary personnel or materials, or otherwise take steps or incur such costs as may be required for the general welfare and safety of the community.

On March 23, 2020, the Hayward Fire Department (HFD) established the nation's first free, city-mobilized COVID-19 drive-through testing site. The site was first located at HFD Station 7 on Huntwood Avenue near Tennyson Road in South Hayward. On April 14, 2020, HFD moved the testing site from Station 7 to California State University, East Bay (CSUEB), to modify operations and accommodate the growing demand for COVID-19 testing. HFD worked diligently to partner with the Hayward Police Department (HPD) and several community

organizations, including United Ambulance, Chabot College, and the Global Support and Development nonprofit, to support the testing site operations.

In addition to these efforts the City has offered meal service to the community, provided small business grants, offered personal protective equipment to the community, made efforts to reduce exposure at City facilities, and more in an effort to address the ongoing pandemic.

The City continues to incur expenses related to the response of COVID-19 within the Hayward community. To date, the City has nearly expended the \$3 million in initial emergency funding in its dedicated response to combatting COVID-19. Attachment III provides a summary of COVID-19 related expenses and local agency reimbursements related to COVID-19 testing.

In late June, following the signing of the 2020 Budget Act, the Department of Finance issued an application for cities to receive their direct allocation from the State's approved \$500 million of Coronavirus Relief Funding for specific use for COVID-19 related expenses. The City of Hayward has completed the application, and its allocation will be just less than \$2 million. The State's Coronavirus Relief Funding allocation will be utilized to fund future COVID-19 related expenses and potentially offset some of the expenses incurred to date.

FISCAL IMPACT

Currently, the FY 2021 operating budget does not include sufficient emergency funds to support the continued response to COVID-19. The fiscal impact requires an additional appropriation of \$1 million from the General Fund Reserve.

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