



DATE: November 10, 2020

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Authorizing and Appropriating CARES Act Funding for Emergency Response to Novel (New) Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the Amount of \$1,979,381

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts a resolution (Attachment II) authorizing and appropriating Coronavirus Aide, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding in the amount of \$1,979,381 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. On July 21, 2020, the City Council approved a resolution authorizing and appropriating an additional \$1 million in emergency response funding.

This report requests that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing and appropriating the City's allocation of \$1,979,381 in CARES Act funding from the State of California.

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. 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. On July 7, 2020, the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with La Familia to provide staffing services to administer the command, organization, and testing functions at the COVID-19 testing center during FY 2021.

In addition to efforts at the testing center, the City has offered food distribution services to the community, provided small business grants, developed a rent relief program, 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. In response to continued response, the City Council authorized and appropriated an additional \$1 million dollars in emergency funding on July 21, 2020. Attachment III provides a summary of COVID-19 related expenses and local agency reimbursements related to the COVID-19 testing center. This chart reflects reimbursements from the Cities of Fremont and Vallejo for the purchase of test kits but does not reflect receipt of test kit purchase reimbursement from Alameda County to allow for the continued operation of the testing site, which has been authorized by the Board of Supervisors. City staff has been working with County staff to finalize the MOU that would authorize the transfer of these funds.

In late June, the State 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 completed the application and received \$1,979,381 in direct allocation from the State. To continue providing support to the community in response to COVID-19, the appropriation of the CARES Act allocation will be utilized to offset General Fund revenue losses and emergency expenses not otherwise reimbursed.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City of Hayward received a direct allocation of CARES Act funding in the amount of \$1,979,381. The authorization and appropriation of this allocation will be utilized to continue providing support to the Hayward community in response to COVID-19.

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