



# AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** Edward D. Reiskin  
City Administrator

**FROM:** Margaret O'Brien  
Interim Director of Finance

**SUBJECT:** CARES Act Relief Fund Expenditures

**DATE:** September 24, 2020

City Administrator Approval

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

**Staff Recommends That The City Council Receive An Informational Report On Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security (CARES) Act Relief Fund Expenditures.**

## **REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL**

At the September 15, 2020 meeting, the City Council continued this report to its meeting scheduled for October 6, 2020, in order to receive additional updates from staff and monitor progress on CARES Act Relief Fund expenditures. The revised **Attachment A** includes information on project expenditures through September 23, 2020. To date, no need for reallocation has been identified. All council approved expenditures are proceeding.

Additionally, staff was directed to return with information regarding CARES act spending for:

- Jobs related programs: To support unemployed workers impacted by COVID-19, the EWD Workforce Development division has launched a series of virtual job fairs. The first virtual job fair was held on September 24, with a focus on Retail, Hospitality and Other Essential Industries. Upcoming virtual job fairs include Transportation Distribution, Logistics and Advanced Manufacturing in October, Healthcare in November, and Information Technology in December. Information is available at: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/news/2020/city-of-oakland-workforce-development-board-to-host-monthly-virtual-job-fairs-through-december>
- Fire related costs: In FY 2019-20, \$2.25 million of CARES funds were allocated to the Oakland Fire Department ("OFD") for payroll costs. In FY 2020-21, an additional \$2.75 million was allocated to OFD for payroll costs.
- Helping vendors, including food vendors:
  - EWD Business Development has committed \$25,000 in funding to an event organizer to act as a sponsor to facilitate a safe and organized series of events at

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Lake Merritt for merchandise vendors, to implement health and safety measures, including distancing and sanitation.

- To support food vendors, EWD is in the final stages of executing a \$75,000 contract with Feed the Hunger Foundation to launch a pilot project to address key challenges that street food vendors face in their efforts to emerge from the informal economy. This support will include access to capital to purchase units and/or equipment that can meet regulatory standards and technical assistance to pursue the necessary steps to formalize and sustain their businesses.

### **ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Staff recommends that the City Council receive an informational report on Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security (CARES) Act Relief Fund expenditures.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Margaret O'Brien, Interim Director of Finance, at (510) 238-7480.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **Attachment (1)**

**Attachment A:** CARES Act Relief Fund Status as of September 23, 2020