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Title: Ordinance amending the Recovery and Resiliency Plan for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and supplemental initiatives to further the objectives of the plan. [Maria Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; Ana Bradshaw COVID-19 Financial and Performance Liaison]

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DEPARTMENT: City Manager’s Office

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Ana Bradshaw, COVID-19 Financial and Performance Liaison

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City Wide

SUBJECT:

Amendments to the Recovery and Resiliency Plan

SUMMARY:

An ordinance amending the Recovery and Resiliency Plan for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and any supplemental initiatives

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

City Council approved the Recovery and Resiliency Plan for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic on June 4, 2020 to assist residents and businesses negatively impacted by the pandemic. The plan was developed around the five Guiding Principles of: 1) Public Health and Safety; 2) Equity; 3) Braided Funding; 4) Community Resiliency; and 5) Well-being.

The work was comprised of four pillars: Workforce Development, Housing Security, Small Business Support,

and Digital Inclusion. Each pillar was comprised of multiple initiatives with identified budgets for each initiative. Funds were appropriated as follows.

Pillar	Federal Funds	General Fund	Total
Workforce Development	\$12.7 Million	\$62.3 Million	\$75.0 Million
Housing Security	\$50.5 Million		\$50.5 Million
Small Business	\$38.1 Million		\$38.1 Million
Digital Inclusion		\$27.3 Million	\$27.3 Million
Total	\$101.3 Million	\$89.6 Million	\$190.9 Million

In addition, City Council approved the plan to fund the City’s ongoing emergency response to the pandemic. Funds in the amount of \$190,796,808 were appropriated to fund eligible payroll expenses, the health implementation plan, and supplies and equipment for the City’s Emergency Response Plan. Funds were appropriated as follows.

Pillar	Federal Funds
Health Implementation Plan	\$54.5 Million
City Response Payroll	\$114.6 Million
Supplies and PPE	\$21.7 Million
Total	\$190.8 Million

Staff have continued to monitor the expenses associated with the Recovery and Resiliency Plan and City’s emergency response. Three ongoing challenges were identified and presented to City Council on September 9. Those challenges included:

1. No additional federal funding allocated by Congress to support the City’s response;
2. The anticipated exhaustion of funding allocated for the City’s Emergency Housing Assistance Program in early October 2020; and
3. The need to fund the ongoing pandemic health response after December 30, 2020 when Coronavirus Relief Funds expire.

As a result of these challenge and through the monitoring of expenses, staff identified potential amendments to the Recovery and Resiliency Plan and the City’s Emergency Response Plan which were also presented on September 9. These proposed amendments will address the existing challenges and continue to leverage all available funding to fund these programs. Those recommended amendments to the plan include:

- Leverage existing funding by aligning budgets with actual expenses;
- Allocate \$21.9 Million to fund Phase 3 of Emergency Housing Assistance Program; and
- Identifies resources to fund the ongoing Health response into 2021

ISSUE:

Staff have continued to monitor the expenditures associated with the Recovery and Resiliency Plan and City’s emergency response. Three challenges were identified.

ALTERNATIVES:

Were City Council not to approve the recommended amendments, funding for the Emergency Housing Assistance would be exhausted in early October 2020 and there would be no additional funding to support the ongoing public health response to the pandemic past December 30, 2020. In addition, some funding some federal funding could expire without being expended.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance amends appropriation in the Recovery and Resiliency Plan and the City’s Emergency Response Plan. Amended appropriation are as follows:

Recovery and Resiliency Plan	Adopted Budget	Proposed Amendments	Revised Budget
Workforce Development	\$75.0 Million	-	\$75.0 Million
Housing Security	\$50.5 Million	\$10.2 Million ¹	\$60.7 Million
Small Business	\$38.1 Million	-	\$38.1 Million
Digital Inclusion	\$27.3 Million	-	\$27.3 Million
Total	\$190.9 Million	\$10.2 Million	\$201.1 Million
City’s Emergency Response Plan	Adopted Budget	Proposed Amendments	Revised Budget
Health Implementation Plan	\$54.5 Million	\$(1.0 Million)	\$53.5 Million
City Response Payroll	\$114.6 Million	\$17.2 Million	\$131.8 Million
Supplies and PPE	\$21.7 Million	\$(7.0 Million)	\$14.7 Million
Total	\$190.8 Million	\$9.2 Million	\$200.0 Million

¹ The total increase to the EHAP is \$21.9 Million; the additional funding being reallocated is included in the FY 2021 Proposed Budget for Affordable Housing.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the amendments to the Recovery and Resiliency Plan and City’s Emergency Response Plan for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Coupled with the additional funding for the Emergency Housing Assistance Program, staff recommends the following change to eligibility criteria for Phase 3:

Current	September 9 Recommendation	Revised Recommendation
Reside within the San Antonio city limits	Reside within the San Antonio city limits	Reside within the San Antonio city limits

Provide documentation of hardship due to COVID-19	Provide documentation of hardship due to COVID-19	Provide documentation of hardship due to COVID-19
Rental or Mortgage	Rental	Rental or Mortgage
Up to 100% AMI	Up to 50% AMI	Up to 80% AMI

Under this revised recommendation, assistance is tiered based on the applicants AMI as follows:

- If an applicant’s AMI is at or below 50% AMI, the applicant is eligible for 1 month of rental or mortgage assistance, utility (SAWS, CPS, Internet) assistance, and a cash grant (up to \$300). If a second month of assistance is needed, the applicant is eligible for a \$500 cash grant only.
- If an applicant’s AMI is between 51% and 80%, the applicant is eligible for 1-month rental or mortgage assistance. If a second month of assistance is needed, the applicant is eligible for a \$250 cash grant only.