

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	May 4, 2020
Action Required:	Appropriation
Presenter:	Mike Rogers, Deputy Chief – Business Services, Charlottesville Fire Department
Staff Contacts:	Mike Rogers, Deputy Chief – Business Services, Charlottesville Fire Department
Title:	Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Provider Relief Fund - \$58,201.02

Background:

President Trump is providing support to healthcare providers fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. The President signed the bipartisan CARES legislation that provides \$100 billion in relief funds to hospitals and other healthcare providers on the front lines of the coronavirus response. Recognizing the importance of delivering funds in a fast and transparent manner, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is distributing \$30 billion of the relief funds immediately. **These are payments to healthcare providers, not loans, and will not need to be repaid.**

Discussion:

Billing entities who received Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) reimbursements in 2019 are eligible for this initial rapid distribution. Providers will receive a portion of the initial \$30 billion distribution based on their share of total Medicare FFS reimbursements in 2019. Within 30 days of receiving the payment, you must sign an attestation confirming receipt of the funds and agreeing to the terms and conditions of payment. Not returning the payment within 30 days of receipt will be viewed as acceptance of the Terms and Conditions.

The Recipient certifies that the Payment will only be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, and shall reimburse the Recipient only for health care related expenses or lost revenues that are attributable to coronavirus.

Alignment with Council Vision Areas and Strategic Plan:

The CARES Act Provider Relief Fund payment helps the department support the City's mission "We provide services that promote equity and an excellent quality of life in our community". With this additional funding being put back into the operational accounts we are better able to prepare and equip our responders to deliver emergency services, students, business community members,

and guests of the City during this pandemic.

The CARES Act Provider Relief Fund payment also aligns with Goal 2.1, Reduce adverse impact from sudden injury and illness and the effects of chronic disease, as well as the elements within Goal 5 - A Well-managed and Responsive Organization.

Community Engagement:

N/A

Budgetary Impact:

There is no impact to the General Fund, as this is a direct relief payment from HHS that does not require a City match or repayment.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of the relief funds.

Alternatives:

If the CARES Act Provider Relief Funds are not appropriated, the Fire Department will not be able to utilize this supplemental funding to cover planning, preparation, and/or equipment costs already incurred or projected for this initial and any subsequent outbreaks of coronavirus.

Attachments:

N/A

APPROPRIATION

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)

Provider Relief Fund - \$58,201.02

WHEREAS, the US Department of Health and Human Services has awarded a relief payment to the Fire Department, through the City of Charlottesville, specifically for coronavirus planning and response applications;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that a total of \$58,201.02 be appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues - \$58,201.02

\$58,201.02 Fund: 105 I/O: 2000158 G/L Account: 431130

Expenditures - \$58,201.02

\$58,201.02 Fund: 105 I/O: 2000158 G/L Account: 599999

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$58,201.02 from the US Department of Health and Human Services.