



CARES CRF Funding Spending Plan

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CRF Spending Requirements

- The CARES Act has 3 elements for the CRF expenditures:
- “(d) USE OF FUNDS.— [The City] shall use the funds provided under a payment made under this section to cover only those costs of the [City] that—
 - (1) are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19);
 - (2) were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment of this section for the [City] [i.e. March 27, 2020]; and
 - (3) were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.”



Spending Deadline

- Covered Period for Expenditures: 3/1/20 – 12/30/20
- Treasury's Guidance, which is not binding or law, further explains:
 - [I]t must be necessary that performance or delivery take place during the covered period.
 - Thus the cost of a good or service received during the covered period will not be considered eligible under section 601(d) if there is no need for receipt until after the covered period has expired.
 - Subrecipients of a grant or loan provided by the City using CRF must also use the funds only to purchase (or reimburse a purchase of) goods or services for which receipt both is needed within the covered period and occurs within the covered period.

Approach to Funding Allocation



- Deliberate/Disciplined process
- Submissions from each department – ranked
- Each Director then put through challenge process to assess
 - Qualification for CRF
 - Impact of the expenditure
- Challenge team:
 - Recovery Team/Mayor's office/Finance/Legal
- High-graded & Recommended ~200 items for approval.

Amount Approved by Subcategory

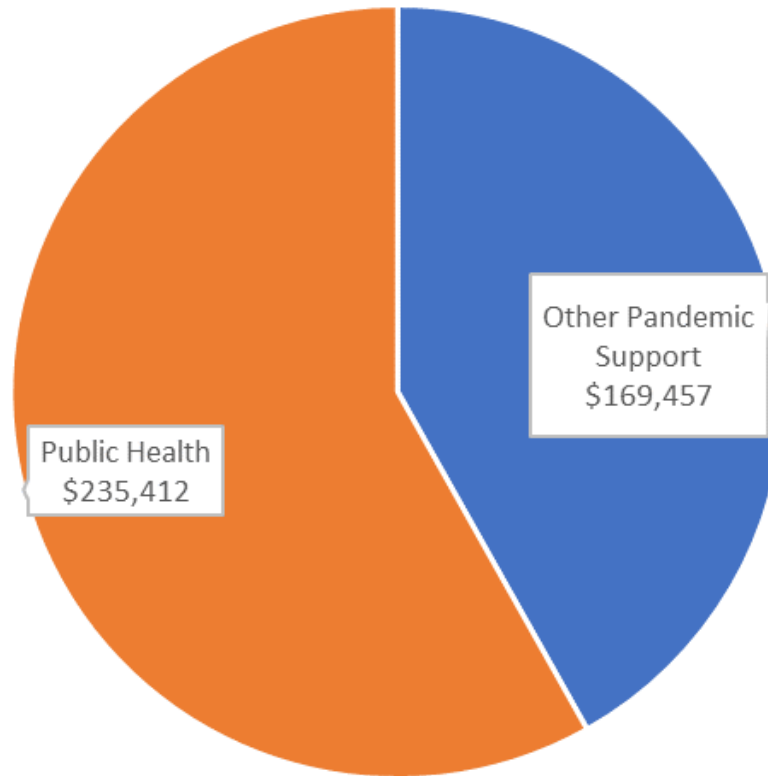


CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND SPEND PLAN	
Amount Approved by Subcategory	
Subcategories	Amount Approved
Medical	\$23,357
Supplies / Materials	\$27,207
Technology	\$26,101
Personnel / Temp Services	\$204,484
Professional Services	\$23,422
Vulnerable Populations	\$16,936
Facilities	\$7,686
Facilities (Zoo)	\$10,408
Rental Assistance	\$15,000
Small Business Assistance	\$15,500
TRANS	\$450
HHD Contingency	\$25,000
Contingency (citywide)	\$9,318
Grand Total	404,869

Funding Allocation

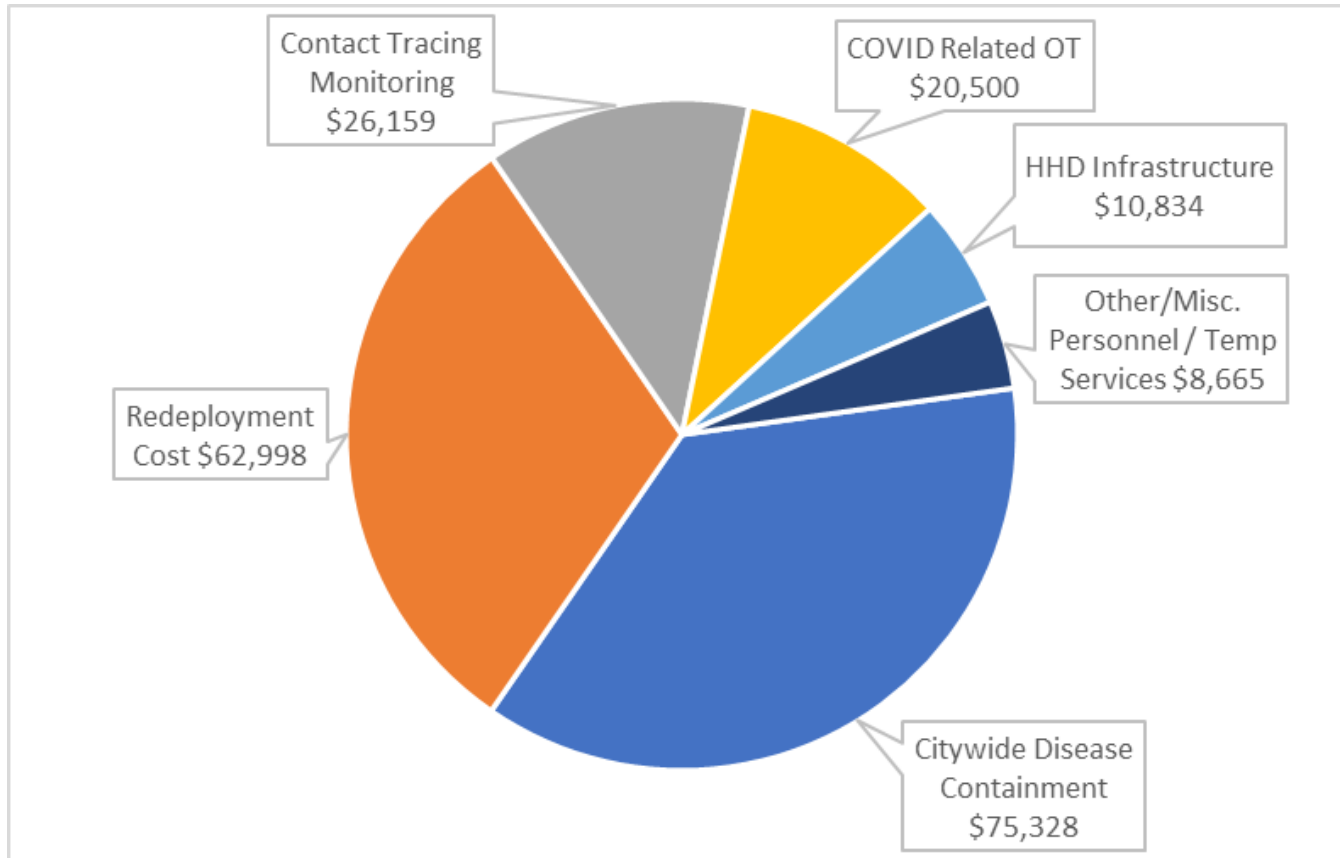


Total CRF Relief Fund Spend Plan - \$405 million



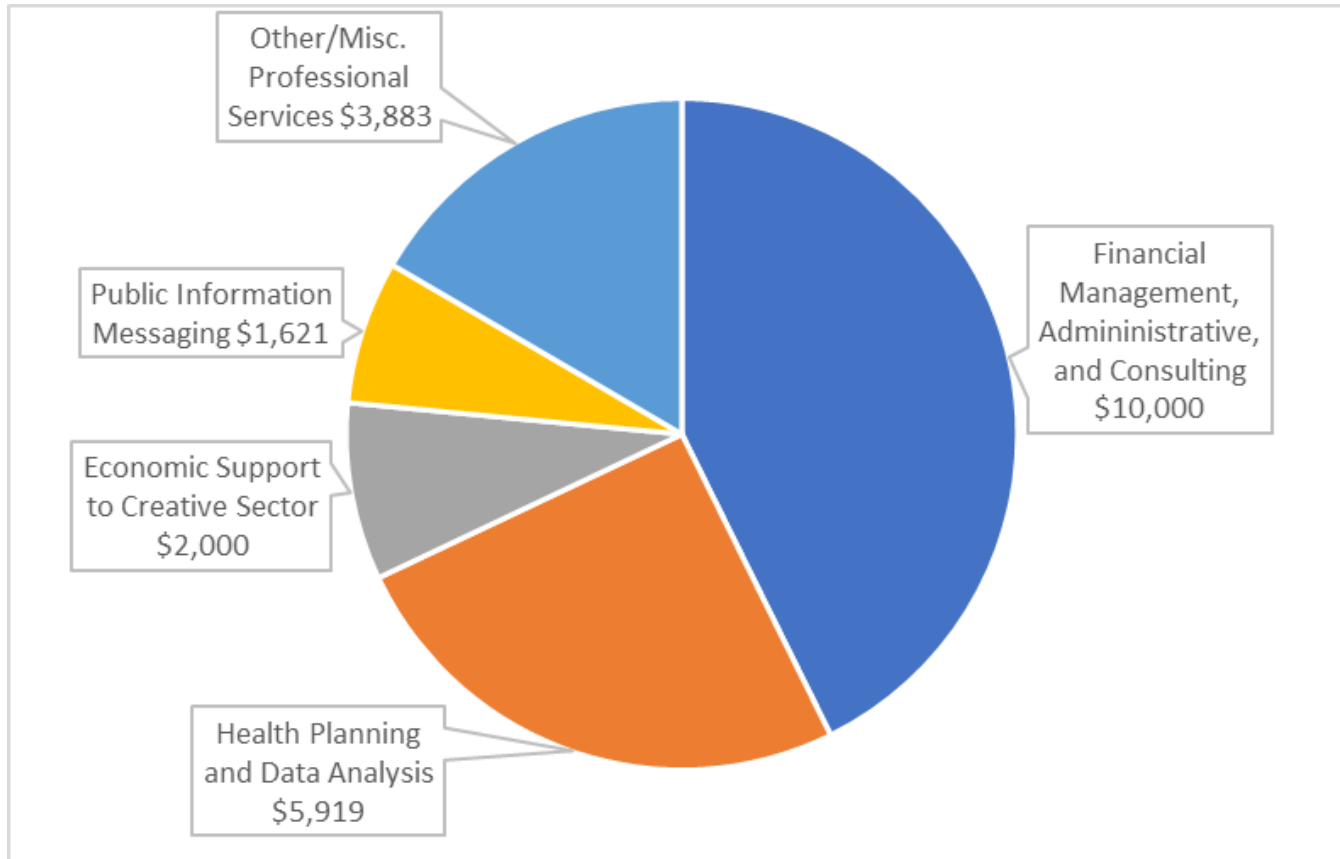
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Personnel and Temporary Services



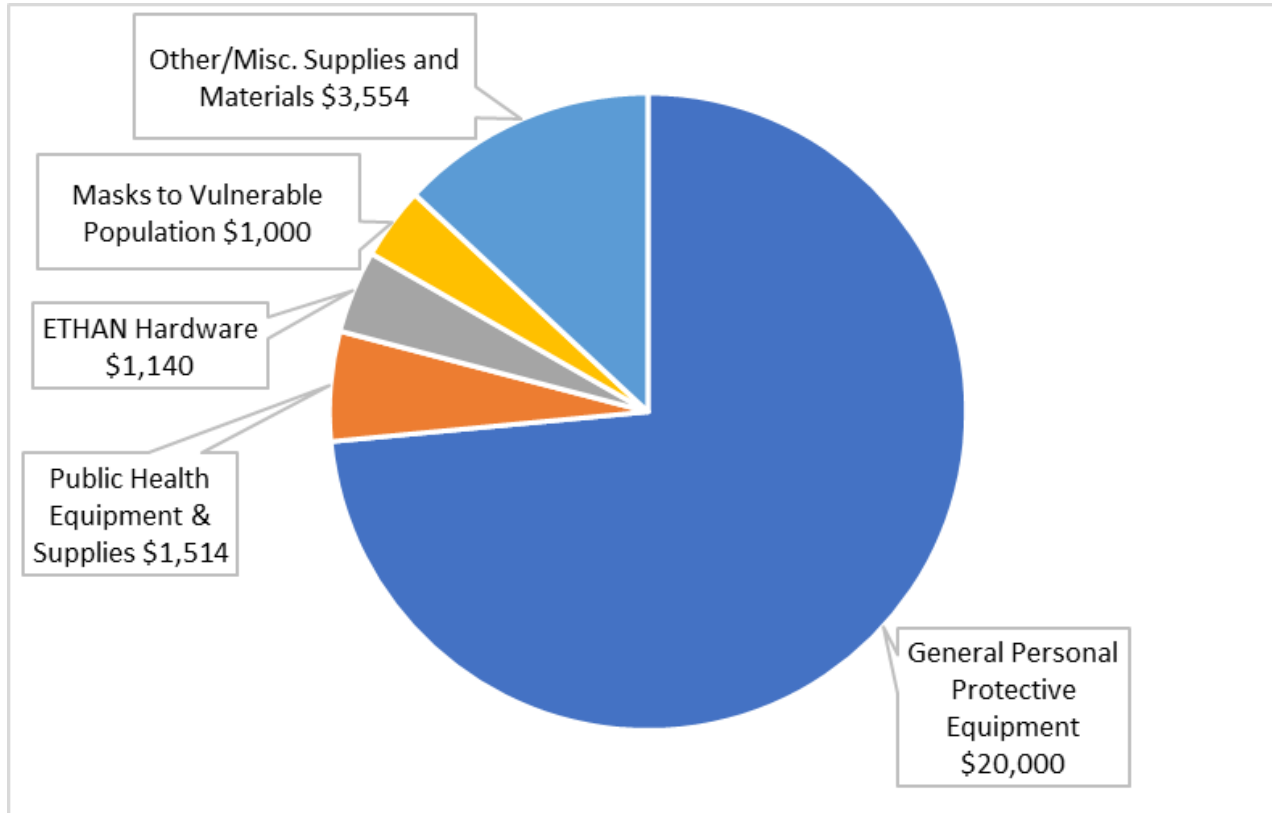
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Professional Services



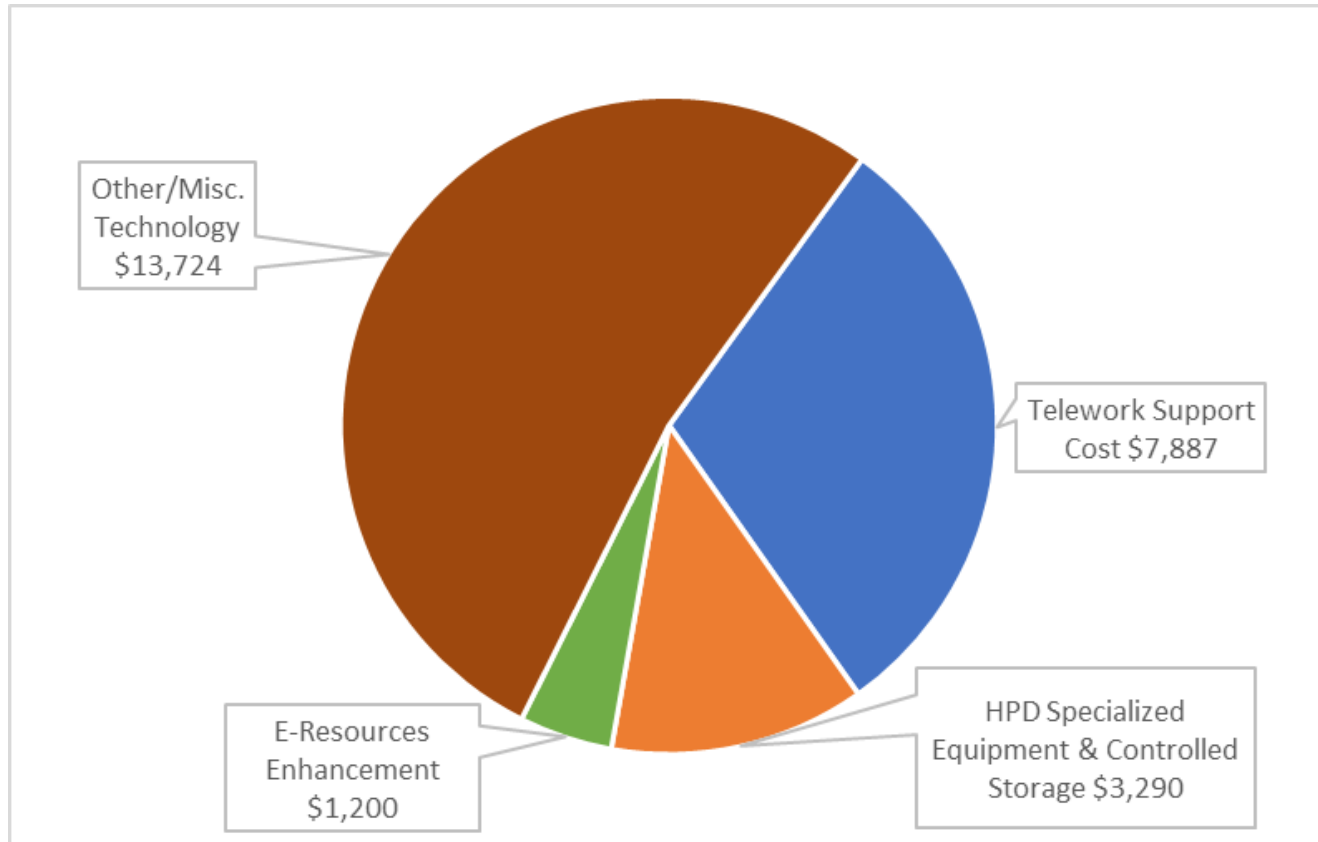
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Supplies and Materials



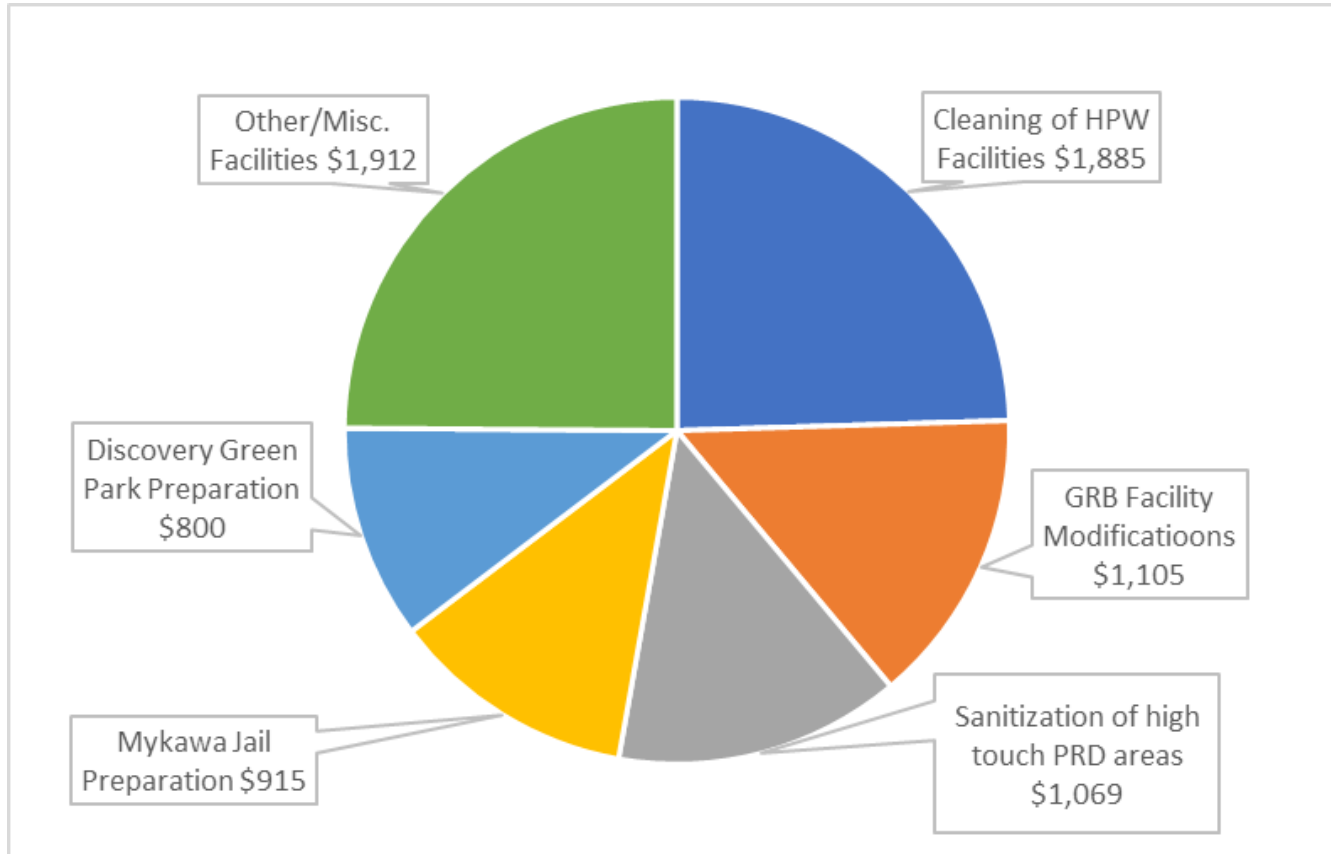
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Technology



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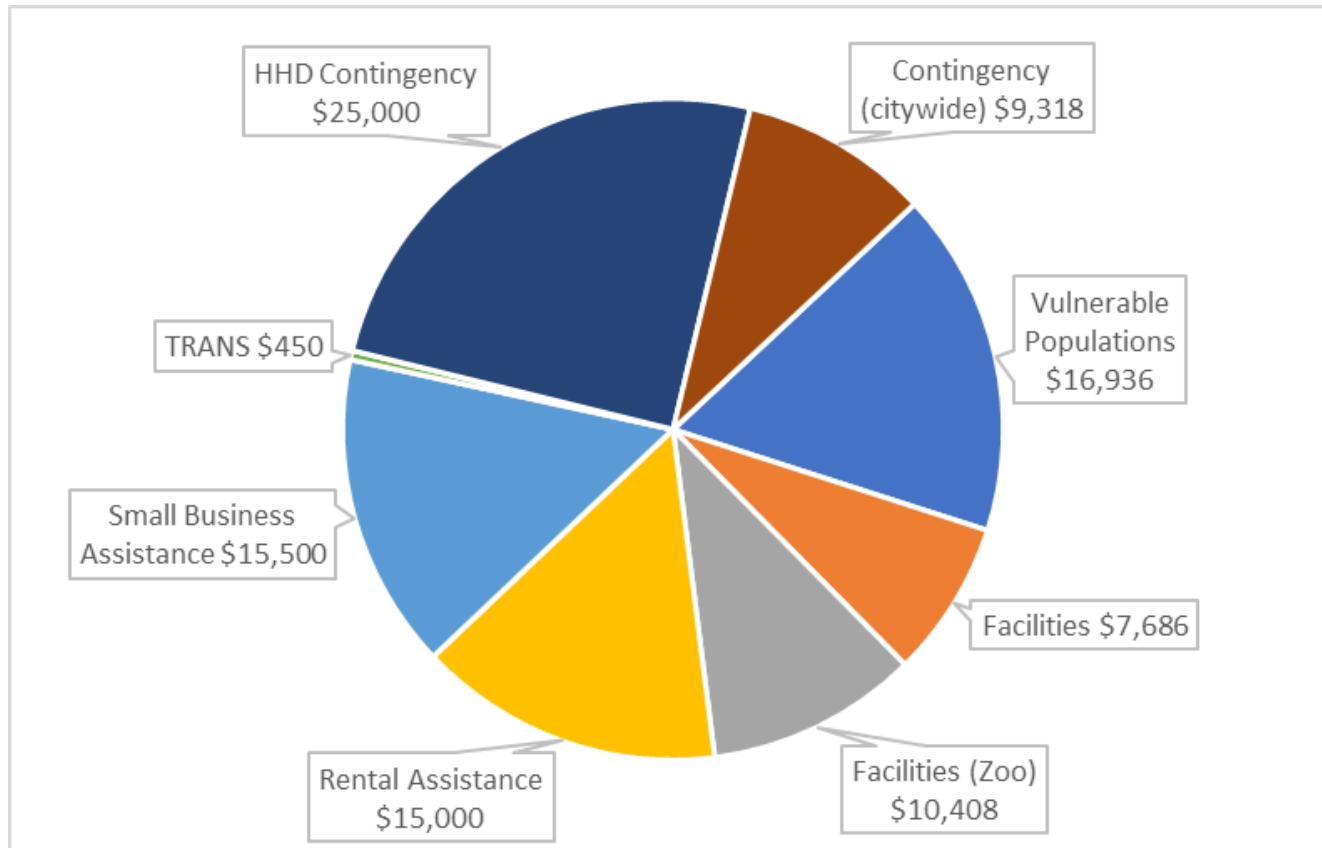
Facilities



Amounts In Thousands



All Remaining Expenditures



Amounts In Thousands



Currently Unfunded Priorities

- UV Lighting
- Electronic Invoicing
- Municipal Court Technology
- Pandemic Responsible Furniture Renovation



Previously Approved by Council

- PPE purchases (masks, gowns, sanitizer, face shields, etc.)
- Support for testing sites (staffing, supplies, etc.)
- Meals for older adults
- Contact Tracing Program (GRB, computers, furniture)
- Overflow sheltering at the Salvation Army



Future Items for Council Consideration

- Laboratory testing (Baylor and Rice)
- Contact tracing
- Wastewater COVID-19 Study
- H.E.R. Task Force “Mask Up” Campaign
- At home and community testing
- Census 2020



Proposed Items for Council Approval

- Prior and Pending Emergency Purchase Orders (EPOs)
 - Approve in 1 motion all the previously issued and pending EPOs
 - The RCA will identify each vendor, the amount spent, and a brief description of expenditure
- Authorization for Future Items – applies to all remaining proposed Council actions
 - Only for expenditures using CRF dollars
 - Authorization only through the CRF deadline: 12/30/20



Proposed Items for Council Approval

- Delegation to the CPO and Process Changes for Future Items is critical to:
 - ensure the City meets the CRF spending deadline or we must return the funds
 - react and respond quickly as the market and supply/demand shifts
 - focus allocation of limited personnel resources



Proposed Items for Council Approval

- Future EPOs
 - CPO will bring them to City Council in batches as a single motion
- Authorize CPO to execute amendments
 - Expenditures for base contract + amendment cannot exceed the contract's maximum contract amount in FY21
 - Amendments will most likely: extend contract term through 12/30/20, allow change orders or add to the scope of services, where feasible
- Cooperative Purchasing
 - Similar to the Motion for technology spending
 - Allow cooperative purchasing for **all** categories of spending



Continued Transparency

- Ongoing Oversight
- Departmental process improvements
- OBO remains actively involved in reviewing MWBE participation
- Financial oversight will continue
- Monthly financial report to City Council



Monthly Updates

- Part of Monthly Financial Report (MoFR) – Finance
 - Beginning July MoFR
- Similar to other Disasters – Harvey
- Monthly financial report to City Council will include spend by 7 CRF Categories
 - Medical Response
 - Public Health
 - Expenses to Facilitate Compliance
 - Economic Support
 - Redeployment
 - Compliance, Program Management, Administration
 - Other



Housing Stability Task Force

Co-Chairs:

- Judge Jeremy Brown, Harris County Justice of the Peace Court
- Ric Campo, New Hope Board and Camden Property Trust

- Claudia Aguirre, Baker Ripley
- Celeste Arredondo-Peterson, Texas Organizing Project
- Howard Bookstaff, Houston Apartment Association
- John Borjack, Veritas Equity Management
- Cynthia Colbert, Catholic Charities
- Steven Dow, LISC Houston
- Guadalupe Fernandez, Tahirih Justice Center
- Marcia Johnson, TSU
- Courtney Johnson Rose, Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation
- Mary Lawler, Avenue
- Jay Malone, AFL-CIO
- Dana Karni, Lone Star Legal Aide, Consumer Housing Unit
- Tom McCasland, City of Houston
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- Margaret Oser, United Way
- Chrishelle Palay, HOME Coalition
- Lori Pampilo Harris, Houston Housing Collaborative
- Ana Rausch, Coalition for the Homeless
- Jeff Reichman, January Advisors
- Mark Thiele, Houston Housing Authority
- Maria Verdeja, Harris County CSD
- Alan Watkins, A Way Home and Wells Fargo
- Diana Zarzuelo, GHCF

Q&A