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Cares Act Funding

In 2020, the City of Akron was a recipient of a \$30,090,807.38 in funding from The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) that was signed into law on March 27, 2020. The CARES Act funding came from multiple distributions from Summit County and the State of Ohio.

The CARES Act requires that the payments from the funds only be used to cover expenses 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 March 27, 2020 (enactment date of the CARES Act) for the government; and
- (3) Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 31, 2021.

County Payroll Support Program

The COVID-19 Local Government Payroll Support Grant Program provided Summit County political subdivisions with payroll funding to support employees substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency and to help ensure such employees are not furloughed or otherwise laid off. Funding for the Program was derived from a portion of Summit County's direct payment allocation of funds received from the U.S. Treasury, under Section 5001 of the Federal CARES Act.

The City of Akron utilized all of the \$11,016,661.62 in 2020 for public safety expenses. This included payroll expenses for police and fire.

State of Ohio Distributions

The City of Akron received \$19,074,145.76 from the State of Ohio through multiple distributions. The City expended the following funds from CARES Act dollars that were provided by the State:

- HVAC Upgrades- \$373,460.00- deployed new equipment to mitigate virus transmission within all Akron Fire stations and buildings. The work involves installing Bi-Polar Ionization Systems, controls and air cleaning technologies with



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the HVAC systems at each location. The equipment purifies the indoor air quality in buildings occupied by first responders and other City staff.

- Small Business Grants-\$150,000-the City of Akron partnered with the Akron Downtown Partnership to provide grants for downtown Akron businesses that are suffering due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Laptops and Computer Equipment- \$199,597.40- The City purchased laptops to deploy to employees to allow them the ability to work remotely to promote social distancing and to allow employees to work from home when quarantining if there job permits.
- Public Safety Payroll Expenses- \$11,000,244.99- The City utilized some of the State of Ohio funding for Public Safety Payroll Expenses including overtime that was incurred due to the pandemic.
- Akron Cares Utility Assistance Grants- \$250,000-The City is has allocated Cares Act Funds to assist Akron Utility Customers who are struggling to pay their bill due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

2021 Budget for Remaining Cares Act Funds (estimated)

\$1,000,000-Council Cares Act Program

\$250,000- Purchase of additional laptop computers and IT infrastructure to assist employees to remote work

\$4,000,000-Public Safety Payroll Expenses

\$2,100,843.37- Small Business Assistance, PPE and other miscellaneous community programs and assistance.



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City of Akron CARES Act Relief Program

Overview

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused seismic shifts for citizens all over the U.S. As our City attempts to lift itself out of this pandemic, and the City of Akron, Summit County and other local community organizations have already created several large scale programs to provide millions in funding for food assistance, rent and mortgage assistance, utility assistance, and business assistance, it is apparent that unmet vital needs continue to persist in our community.

Mayor Horrigan's administration, in partnership with Akron City Council, will be allocating \$1 million in CARES Act funding to various specifically targeted need-based groups and programs within the City of Akron. City Council members will launch a grass roots effort to connect with community organizations for the purpose of identifying and facilitating programming for the appropriate distribution of CARES funding. This program is planned for commencement on April 5, 2021.

CARES-Allowable Allocations

The funds must be used to cover expenditures related to the COVID-19 public health emergency. CARES-allowable expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Meals to senior citizens or other vulnerable populations
- Assistance to local food pantries
- Basic needs assistance program (stipends for food/rent/medication/utilities/ for individuals loss of income as a result of the need to quarantine)
- Vaccination clinics
- PPE and sanitizing and cleaning expenses
- Custodial duties
- Translational materials/education related to COVID for New Americans
- Assistance to daycares and nursing homes
- COVID-19 testing and contact tracing



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Program Details

- Any Non-Profit organization created prior to January 1, 2020 in Akron is eligible. Individual citizens will not be eligible for direct payment.
- Equitable distribution of funds between City Council members will be determined by Council Leadership.
- The allocation amounts will be based on number of projects recommended, availability of funds and demonstrated need for an allowable reason.
- The funds cannot be used for an expense that has been or will be reimbursed under any federal program or for reimbursement to donors for donated items or services.
- Council members must submit their project to a designee on Council staff selected by the Council President. Projects submitted by others not on City Council will not be considered.
- Council President's designee will review and approve proposed projects and process appropriately through the City Law and Finance Departments
- Funds must be expended before Dec 31, 2021.
- Further details will be forthcoming on documentation requirements due to these being Federal Funds and subject to audit.



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Name of Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Street Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

Reason for requesting assistance including a statement regarding why the assistance is needed in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency (Attach additional pages as needed):

Amount of funds being requested:

\$ _____

Name of Council Member Facilitating Project:

Please attach the requesting organization's W-9 to this form.

Receipts for grant must be submitted at the end of each month or the end of the project, whichever comes first.