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TITLE:
2020 COVID Response Funding Report

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:
In 2020, the City received almost $3.8 million in one-time revenue to respond to impacts on individuals, families and businesses related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Federal resources were accepted from a range of federal, state and local sources. This Staff Report provides a summary of the revenues received and the impact made through fund distribution to the community and Redmond's non-profit partners.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☒ **Receive Information** ☐ **Provide Direction** ☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
  N/A
- **Required:**
  N/A
- **Council Request:**
  N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
  N/A

OUTCOMES:
Funds received by the City were used to offset unexpected costs incurred, such as the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and direct disbursements to small business through OneRedmond and non-profit partners to continue providing critical services to Redmond businesses and residents impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
  N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
  Human Services staff has coordinated with community partners to gather information and assess community needs, identifying ways in which funds can quickly be disbursed and have the greatest impact. Economic development staff have reached out to businesses directly and to OneRedmond to stay informed regarding small business needs in our community. Outreach undertaken during development of the Long-Term Recovery Plan has also provided a useful assessment of community need. Finally, Finance and Planning staff continue to seek input from City departments regarding the need for new revenue to meet identified demands associated with ongoing COVID response.
- **Feedback Summary:**
  Rental assistance, food assistance, shelter and day center services, and small business support continue to be in high demand. Support for City operations also remains high, and continued funding in this area helps support State and County efforts to distribute COVID-19 vaccinations as soon as they become available. Attachment A provides the 2020 Small Business Grant Recap prepared by OneRedmond. Attachment B provides a Sampling of Grant Recipient Feedback. Attachment C includes the Final Expenditures Report.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:
$3,799,262

Approved in current biennial budget: ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Budget Offer Number:
Grant funding was accepted by the City Council and the 2019-2020 budget was adjusted accordingly.

Budget Priority:
N/A

Other budget impacts or additional costs: ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**
If yes, explain:
There are administrative costs associated with administering and monitoring contracts that were difficult for the City to cover within budgeted staff resources.

Funding source(s):
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Funding, Emergency Management Performance Grant - Supplemental, and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Budget/Funding Constraints:
Each of these funding sources had specific and narrow eligibility criteria for how funds could be spent, deadlines for expenditures, and additional restrictions associated with federal funding.

☒ **Additional budget details attached**

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
7/21/2020	Business Meeting	Approve
10/6/2020	Committee of the Whole - Parks and Human Services	Receive Information
10/20/2020	Business Meeting	Approve

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

Time Constraints:
N/A

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:
N/A

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment A-2020 Grant Recap
Attachment B-Sampling of Grant Recipient Appreciation
Attachment C - Final Expenditures Report