



Phase 5 Release

Denver Coronavirus Relief Funds

Finance and Governance Committee
May 11, 2021

Overview

- Coronavirus Relief Funds part of federal CARES Act
- Purpose: For necessary expenditures due to the COVID-19 public health emergency
- Denver received \$126.8M
- Deadline to expend funds extended to 12/31/2021
 - Additional time allowed City to shift funding to cover additional community needs

Council Priorities

- **Public Health and Safety**, such as widespread testing, PPE, sanitizing equipment, public restrooms
- **Food Supports**, such as food delivery for historically marginalized communities of color, First Nations people, and under-resourced communities
- Grant programs for impacted **non-profits** and **small businesses**
- **Childcare Support**
- **Left Behind Worker Fund**
- **Housing Assistance**, such as rent, utility and mortgage assistance
- **Services and Shelter** for people experiencing homelessness

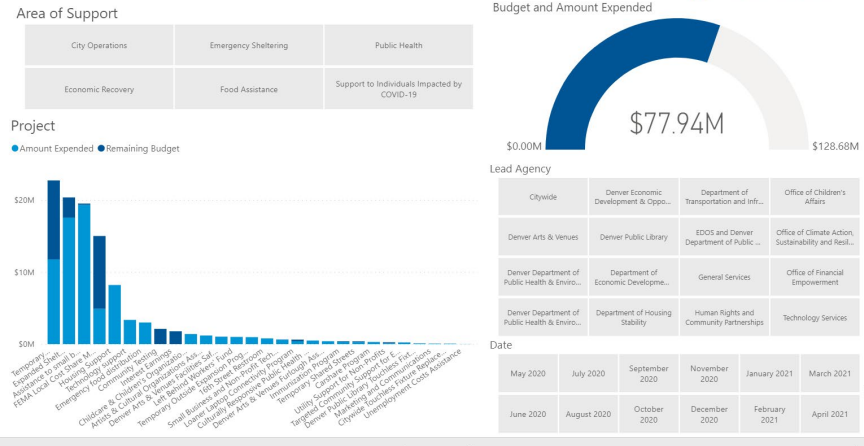
CRF Disbursements Status*

*status prior to CRF Phase 5

Phase #1 Release Date: May 19 (\$18.2M)	Phase #2 Release Date: Mid-August (\$25.8M)	Phase #3 Release Date: Mid-October (\$12.6M)	Phase #4 Release Date: Mid-Dec. (\$5.4M)	City Operations (\$20.0M)	Reserve (\$46.7M)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent, utility and mortgage assistance programs • Food support for vulnerable populations • Grant programs for small businesses and non-profits • Testing & PPE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional small business and non-profit support • Support for artists and cultural orgs. • Additional shelter space • Additional food assistance • Social equity and innovation support • Left behind workers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelter space • Rent and utility assistance • Support for non-profits • Marketing of seasonal events to drive economic activity downtown • Childcare • Support for target populations (disabled, Native Americans, faith community, older adults, immigrants & refugees) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional rent and utility assistance • Small business grant support • Support for restaurant and hotel workers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make public buildings safe • Laptops, teleworking expenses • Some categories of technical consultative services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unallocated funds • Coverage for some shelter operations until FEMA accepts/denies claim • Interest earnings

Tracking the Use of CRF

Coronavirus Relief Fund Expenditures



City Operations

City Operations



Emergency Sheltering

Emergency Sheltering



Public Health

Public Health



Economic Recovery

- Small Business Support
- Non-Profit Support
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Economic Recovery



Food Assistance

Food Assistance



Support to Individuals Impacted by COVID-19

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CRF Balances

- Total CRF funding (w/interest): \$128.6M
- Approved Projects: \$104.6M
- Committed, Obligated, Spent: \$75.9M
- Roughly \$24M in unallocated capacity

CRF Phase #5 At-a-Glance

- Total Investment: \$18.0M
- Supports projects from 12 agencies
- Addresses economic recovery, public health, support to individuals, housing assistance, technology needs, food assistance, PPE, and some limited staffing assistance
- All projects must be closely connected to COVID-19 and all costs must be incurred by year-end

Guiding Principles for Phase 5

- Community Support
- Strong COVID-19 Nexus
- Speed in Distribution
- Bridge Gap Before Availability of ARP Funds
- Build on Previous Work
- Previously Identified Council Priorities

Economic Recovery Investments

**TOTAL:
\$5,055,000**

Agency	Proposal	Previously In CRF?	Recommended CRF Phase 5 Investment	Purpose
Arts & Venues	Artist and Cultural Organizations*	X	\$1,000,000	Supports 200-300 artists; 25-28 venues
DEDO	Colorado Restaurant Association: Restaurant Worker Relief*	X	\$1,000,000	Help restaurants re-hire and retain staff
DEDO	Colorado Event Alliance: Event Worker Relief*	X	\$500,000	Help event industry re-hire and retain staff
DEDO	Computer Lending Program	X	\$625,000	Purchase of 600 Chromebooks and additional hot spots
HRCP	Personal Grants/Access to Capital*	X	\$800,000	Supports 228 families & individuals
HRCP	Strategic Partnerships: Targeted Community Grants	X	\$200,000	Older adults, First Nations people, people with disabilities, Immigrants & Refugees
HRCP	MWBE Business Grants & Nonprofit Support*	X	\$400,000	Supports 40 businesses
HRCP	Business Legal Eviction Services	X	\$50,000	Builds on initial \$10K investment
HRCP	Mediation Services for Small Business affected by COVID	X	\$30,000	Addresses commercial landlord/tenant conflicts
HRCP	Wage Recovery for Individuals and Small Businesses COVID	X	\$25,000	Small business assistance
OCA	Funding for Childcare Providers and Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) Childcare Providers		\$425,000	Special focus: Westwood, Montbello, East Colfax

*Council action required

Citywide Operations

TOTAL: \$1,773,988

Agency	Proposal	Previously in CRF?	Recommended CRF Phase 5 Investment	Purpose
TS	Laptop Replacements	X	\$700,000	Enables more efficient remote work for 560 Employees
TS	Nintex Licenses	X	\$34,250	Covers licenses/maintenance required for pandemic-related workflow and forms
TS	Cyber Security Tools	X	\$477,560	Supports extra demands driven by remote work
TS	Hybrid Conference Room Updates		\$300,000	Replaces legacy tech – mostly in Webb, some DP Bldg.
TS	Zoom Public Meeting Conferences	X	\$67,000	Supports City Council & other meeting needs
TS	Public Health Messaging	X	\$100,000	Supports ongoing public health communications needs
City Council	Pandemic Response Mailings		\$95,178	Covers news on vaccines, economic recovery, public health

*Council action required

Public Health Investments

TOTAL: \$3,023,600

*Council action required

Agency	Proposal	Previously In CRF?	Recommended CRF Phase 5 Investment	Purpose
Arts & Venues	CCC Air Sterilization*	X	\$767,000	Builds upon initial public health investments made via CRF in fall
Arts & Venues	Sterilization Equipment		\$25,000	Portable systems to sterilize seating, restrooms and lobbies
Arts & Venues	Red Rocks/McNichols Air Sterilization		\$50,000	With focus on high-traffic areas
Arts & Venues	PPE Supplies for Reopening		\$200,000	During reopening for patrons
Arts & Venues	Arts & Venues COVID-19 Reopening Communications		\$200,000	To communicate health orders, PPE needs and expectations for individuals who attend events
DOTI	Temporary Shared Streets	X	\$200,000	Funding to continue program through year-end
DPR	Cleaning Supplies and Equipment		\$74,600	With focus on recreation centers
Clerk and Recorder	Expanded Services Covid-19 Supplies		\$7,000	PPE for the public and staff
DSD	Food Stewards		\$1,500,000	To defray unbudgeted costs once assumed by inmates

Other Categories of Support

TOTAL: \$8,201,128

*Council action required

Food Assistance

Agency	Proposal	Previously in CRF?	Recommended CRF Phase 5 Investment	Purpose
DDPHE	Emergency Food Assistance*	X	\$2,901,128	Includes some staffing help; would serve 2M individuals; food insecurity at 38% in CO

Housing Support

Agency	Proposal	Previously in CRF?	Recommended CRF Phase 5 Investment	Purpose
HOST	Rapid Rehousing Collaborative Surge*	X	\$2,500,000	Help transition 150 households from emergency shelter into stable housing

Support to Individuals

Agency	Proposal	Previously in CRF?	Recommended CRF Phase 5 Investment	Purpose
HRCP	Left Behind Workers Fund*	X	\$2,000,000	Supports 2,000 additional people
HRCP	Utility Assistance*	X	\$800,000	Addresses arrears and difficulty accessing dedicated help

Summary – CRF Phase #5

Programmatic Area	Total CRF Phase #5 Investment
Economic Recovery: Support for workers and businesses	\$5,055,000
Public Health	\$3,023,600
Food Assistance	\$2,901,128
Support to Individuals	\$2,800,000
Housing Support	\$2,500,000
Citywide Operations	\$1,773,988
Total	\$18,053,716

CRF Investments Progression

Programmatic Area	Phase #1 5/19/20	Phase #2 8/6/20	Phase #3 10/20/20	Phase #4 12/11/20	Phase #5 5/11/21	City/Other	Total
Economic Recovery	\$6,425,000	\$8,213,469	\$2,142,830	\$3,515,000	\$5,055,000		\$25,351,299
Emergency Sheltering		\$11,975,000	\$8,371,115				\$20,346,115
Housing Support	\$5,700,000		\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,500,000		\$10,700,000
Public Health	\$4,082,763	\$2,347,000	\$280,000	\$165,008	\$3,023,600		\$9,898,371
Support to Individuals		\$2,225,000	\$789,670	\$200,000	\$2,800,000		\$6,014,670
Food Assistance	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000			\$2,901,128		\$5,901,128
Citywide Operations						\$21,772,487	\$21,772,487
Shelter Reserve						\$22,702,741	\$22,702,741
Interest Earnings						\$1,785,025	\$1,785,025
Unallocated/Reserve						\$4,205,902	\$4,205,902
TOTAL	\$18,207,763	\$25,760,469	\$12,583,615	\$5,380,008	\$16,279,728	\$50,466,154	\$128,677,737

American Rescue Plan Act Update

- Denver notified May 10 it will receive \$308M (both city and county allocation) as part of ARPA
 - Half delivered in 2021
 - Half delivered in 2022
- City staff reviewing allowable use guidance released by U.S. Treasury May 10
- Initial conversations with community and City Council to identify funding priorities for ARPA are expected for mid-May through June



Questions & Feedback