



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



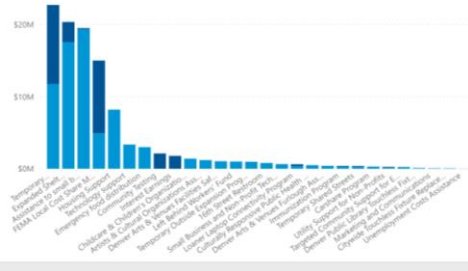
Area of Support

City Operations	Emergency Sheltering	Public Health
Economic Recovery	Food Assistance	Support to Individuals Impacted by COVID-19



Project

Amount Expended Remaining Budget



Lead Agency

Citywide	Denver Economic Development & Oppor...	Department of Transportation and Infr...	Office of Children's Affairs
Denver Arts & Venues	Denver Public Library	EDOS and Denver Department of Public ...	Office of Climate Action, Sustainability and Resil...
Denver Department of Public Health & Environ...	Department of Economic Developme...	General Services	Office of Financial Empowerment
Denver Department of Public Health & Environ...	Department of Housing Stability	Human Rights and Community Partnerships	Technology Services

Date

May 2020	July 2020	September 2020	November 2020	January 2021	March 2021
June 2020	August 2020	October 2020	December 2020	February 2021	April 2021



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

denvergov.org/Government/COVID-19-Information/Public-Orders-Response/Response-Plans/Finance

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