



## **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Action Item for the City Council Meeting September 15, 2020

**DATE:** September 8, 2020

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Resolution to provide up to \$3,838.50 from Corona Relief Funds to Corpus Christi Montessori School to purchase telelearning solutions to facilitate compliance with the COVID-19 public health emergency.

### **CAPTION:**

Resolution authorizing a total of up to \$3,838.50 from the City's Coronavirus Relief Fund allocation through the CARES Act to Corpus Christi Montessori School to provide funds for up to 25% of the cost to purchase the computer equipment necessary to facilitate compliance with COVID-19 related public health measures and tele-learning.

### **SUMMARY:**

The City of Corpus Christi received an allocation of up to \$17,960,470 from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") for Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) through the State of Texas. Corpus Christi Montessori School has requested funding from the allocation for up to \$3,838.50 from the City of Corpus Christi's \$17,960,470 allocation. The funds requested will provide 25% of the funding a purchase totaling \$15,354 for 50 notebook/tablet computers for students, hard cases, and document cameras for teachers to use for tele-learning.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The CARES Act established the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) and appropriated \$150 billion to this fund. Under the CARES Act, the CRF is to be used to make payments for specific uses to states and certain local governments. The CARES Act provides that payments from the CRF may only be used to cover costs 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 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the state or government); and
3. Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

Expenses that qualify under these criteria are then categorized into one of six expense categories:

1. Medical Expenses,
2. Public Health Expenses,
3. Payroll Expenses for employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency,
4. Expenses of action to facilitate compliance with COVID-19 related public health measures,
5. Expenses associated to the provision of economic support in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency, and
6. Any other COVID-19 related expenses reasonably necessary to the function of the government that satisfy the CRF's eligibility criteria

The State of Texas included additional regulations to the counties and municipalities that received the allocation through the State, requiring that up to 100% of the funding can be used for categories 1-3 but only up to 25% can be used for categories 4-6. The amounts requested fall under category 4.

Cities with a population of less than 500,000 located in a county with a population of less than 500,000 were allocated funds for CRF from the CARES Act based on a per capita basis at \$55 per person. This equates to a total distribution of up to \$17,960,470 for Corpus Christi (326,554 population x \$55 per person).

Corpus Christi Montessori School has requested funding from the City's CRF allocation for up to \$3,838.50 to provide 25% of the funding for a purchase totaling \$15,354 for 50 notebook/tablet computers for students, hard cases, and document cameras for teachers to use for tele-learning to facilitate compliance with the COVID-19 public health measures.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The City could choose not to allocate the requested amount or allocate a lesser amount to the school.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

If a portion of the City's allocation of up to \$17,960,470 is used to fund the school districts, then there will be less to use for other needs and purposes.

### **Funding Detail:**

Fund:	1063 Emergency Management Grant Fund
Organization/Activity:	690001F CARES Act CRF Grant
Mission Element:	N/A
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

City staff recommends approving the funding of \$3,838.50 from the CRF to provide 25% of the funding for a purchase totaling \$15,354 for 50 notebook/tablet computers for students, hard cases, and document cameras for teachers to use for tele-learning to facilitate compliance with the COVID-19 public health measures.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Resolution

Request letter from Corpus Christi Montessori School