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AGENDA ITEM #2B
July 27, 2021
Discussion

SUBJECT

Update on the Coronavirus Relief Fund

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

Richard Madaleno, Chief Administrative Officer

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

Status report on appropriations and expenditures from the Coronavirus Relief Fund

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- From the beginning of the pandemic until February 13, 2021, the County paid a total of \$88.7 million in COVID-19 hazard pay differential to eligible employees. The County has been seeking FEMA reimbursement for a portion of those hazard pay expenditures throughout the pandemic; however, FEMA reimbursement for hazard pay differential was not assumed in the Executive's recommended FY22 budget or the Council's approved budget.
- On July 21, the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) sent an update to the Council President on the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) attached at ©1-3. The CAO's memo states that the Executive Branch has determined that the County is unlikely to receive FEMA reimbursement for the COVID-19 pay differential. As a result, Executive staff plan to book hazard pay differential costs of up to \$70 million to the CRF as part of the FY21 financial close-out process.
- Previously, in the [November 17, 2020 CRF Update](#), the Executive Branch estimated booking up to \$53.9 million in pay differential to the CRF. The revised \$70 million figure from the July 21, 2021 CAO memorandum is an increase of \$16.1 million.
- These funds were previously appropriated to the CRF Non-Departmental Account (NDA) on June 16, 2020 via [Resolution 19-498](#). As noted in the [March 23, 2021 CRF Update](#), the Executive Branch had been waiting to book specific eligible costs to the CRF NDA until it received FEMA reimbursement decisions.
- As noted previously, the County's decision to book additional expenditures to the CRF NDA does not impact any of the FEMA reimbursement assumptions for FY21 or FY22 that were included in the County Executive's Recommended or the Council's approved Fiscal Plan. As discussed during the budget process, the assumed FEMA reimbursements did not include any reimbursements for pay differential.

- Updated expenditure data on COVID-related appropriations provided by the Executive Branch is attached at ©4-6 and updated information on FEMA reimbursement status is attached at ©7-8.
 - The CAO's update notes that after fiscal-year close-out OMB and Finance will determine if any CRF-funded appropriations have remaining appropriation authority that is likely to be unspent. They will provide that status update in early September.
 - The FEMA reimbursement document notes that the County will be revising documentation from previous submissions based on new June 2021 guidance from FEMA. They anticipate re-submitting the revised documentation on or around September 1, 2021.

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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Chief Administrative Officer

MEMORANDUM

July 21, 2021

TO: Tom Hucker, President, County Council

FROM: Richard S. Madaleno, Chief Administrative Officer *BSM*

SUBJECT: Update – Coronavirus Relief Fund

As we work to close out the FY21 financials, I would like to inform the Council of a few key actions regarding the Federal Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF). As you know, the County received \$183.3 million in CRF funds from the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to cover necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Initially the funds were required to have been spent by December 30, 2020; Congress subsequently extended the deadline to incur costs until December 31, 2021.

Between the beginning of the pandemic emergency until February 13, 2021 the County paid its employees \$88.7 million in hazard pay differential. This amount was paid in accordance with agreements between the County and our labor union partners to recognize the increased personal risk that many County employees faced in performing their essential duties. When the County's agreement regarding differential pay was put into place, it was initially thought that the expenditures could be eligible for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). As we have worked through the FEMA reimbursement process; however, it has become clear that many of these expenditures are ultimately being considered by FEMA as not eligible for reimbursement.

FEMA's Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide outlines the rules for reimbursement for differential pay. Two key points are that (1) jurisdictions must have a policy in place before the disaster begins, and (2) hazard pay differential may be submitted for work in response to the disaster.

Initially FEMA rejected the County's policy on the pandemic hazard pay differential, as it was agreed to after the beginning of the emergency. However, we were able to demonstrate that this updated policy was not a new one, but simply an amendment of the policies in place with our labor agreements. FEMA approved our policy and permitted the County to request reimbursement.

Because FEMA is unable to provide an official opinion about whether costs are reimbursable without formally submitting costs, the County submitted a small test set of costs to get a determination about how FEMA would rule. The submitted costs related to staff across the three bargaining units, and the tasks submitted were both in response to the disaster and regular tasks. This was done anticipating the regular tasks would be rejected. However, FEMA approved the entire submission. In hindsight, we have determined that this was likely due to the fact that the test submission was a small dollar amount.

With this information, we felt it was worth trying to submit some differential costs that while not in direct response, were closely related. This submission included bus drivers, police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians (EMTs), and the initial amount totaled \$31 million. FEMA rejected the vast majority of this submission as it was regular time, and the work performed was not “in direct response” to the disaster. Follow-up calls were held with FEMA to discuss the issue further, where we received further clarification on what differential would be reimbursable. For example, FEMA informed us that we would have to provide information on the underlying reason for every 911 call in order to justify hazard pay for Fire and Rescue personnel. FEMA expected us to know the COVID status of each and every individual we transported or assisted. Since this is a nearly impossible task, we now anticipate approximately \$1.5 million will be reimbursable of that initial \$31 million request.

FEMA was established to respond to one-off, specific emergencies, and not an ongoing, all-consuming emergency like the COVID-19 pandemic. Beginning in early June 2020, the Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR) reached out to our Congressional delegation for help in getting an answer from FEMA regarding the extent to which FEMA would reimburse the County for our hazard pay differential. Working with Senator Cardin’s Chief Counsel, OIR advocated for federal reimbursement eligibility as a less costly alternative to that which existed under the County’s negotiated emergency pay rules. A remote meeting followed between OIR, OEMHS, and Senator Cardin’s staff to discuss the reimbursement test case submission which was ultimately approved by FEMA.

In pursuit of all possible federal funding to offset COVID-19 related expenses, OIR engaged the Congressional delegation throughout the fall of 2020 on a number of issues including FEMA’s September issuance of restrictive reimbursement guidelines for PPE costs, extending the CRF deadline to the end of 2021, and waiving FEMA’s 25 percent local match requirement. Ultimately, the deadline to spend CRF dollars was extended another year, and the Biden Administration decided to waive FEMA’s local match requirement. With the pandemic raging into 2021, OIR continued its federal advocacy for the County on the issue of reimbursement from FEMA for COVID-19 hazard pay differential issued to “front-facing” essential County employees between March 2020 and February 2021. OIR coordinated an comprehensive letter across several executive agencies to the Congressional delegation in early March from the County Executive requesting that FEMA consider reimbursement for all work performed by public employees who put their lives and their families’ lives at risk in the performance of their jobs. In the ensuing months, OIR has reached out several times to the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs requesting help with engaging FEMA, and it has also been working with NACO’s legislative team (which has ties to the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs) in scheduling a meeting between the County and FEMA’s Region III office.

At this time, however, it has become clear that the vast majority of the County’s hazard pay differential expenditures will not be reimbursed by FEMA due to their interpretation of current rules about emergency response. It is this rigid interpretation of FEMA’s rules and regulations that are partly the reason Congress authorized funding in the American Rescue Plan Act to specifically cover the retroactive payment of hazard pay for essential local government employees. Fortunately, we will not need to use Rescue Plan funds for this purpose as we had prudently held CRF dollars to cover these expenditures.

As we are closing the books on FY21, we now must ensure that the County’s fund balance is at the level assumed when the Council adopted the FY22 operating budget and the fiscal plan. We must also ensure that all CRF funds are ultimately expended for the benefit of County residents by the current deadline of December 31, 2021. As has been reported to Council in the monthly special appropriation updates from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the County has been maintaining a set aside of CRF funds in excess of \$70 million to cover any disallowed or FEMA-ineligible costs. I have directed OMB and the Department of Finance to begin booking hazard pay differential costs to the CRF in the following order up to \$70 million:

1. FY21 Tax Supported Differential Costs;
2. FY20 Tax Supported Differential Costs;
3. Differential Costs from Community Use of Public Facilities;
4. Differential Costs from Alcoholic Beverage Services; and
5. Any other non-tax supported costs.

Over the coming weeks, OMB and Finance will be moving these costs from where they were incurred onto the CRF funds. Once completed, we will submit a report to Council on the expenditure of those funds. Funds remaining above the \$70 million will be held as a set aside to pay for any final costs associated with administering the programs established by Council throughout FY20 and FY21 through special appropriation resolutions. These actions will not impact any of the assumptions related to FEMA reimbursements made by the County Executive and the Council in FY21 or FY22, as those assumptions related to Operating Expenditures and non-differential Personnel Costs.

Furthermore, as we work through year-end closeout, OMB and Finance will be reviewing any CRF funded special appropriations where there is remaining appropriation authority. They will be working with departments to ensure that the funds remaining will be spent by the December 31, 2021 deadline. We will provide this information to Council in early September. If there is a possibility of funds remaining in any of these special appropriations, we will present a plan to Council at that time to allocate these funds in a way so that we leave no CRF funds on the table. We will also continue to carefully monitor any decisions by FEMA on reimbursements to other jurisdictions to make sure we do not miss any additional federal assistance.

RSM:jw

- c: Jennifer R. Bryant, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Michael Coveyou, Director, Department of Finance
Marlene Michaelson, Executive Director, Office of the County Council

COVID Response Special Appropriations

Resolution	Purpose	Source of Funds	Dept/NDA	Full Appropriation Amount	Revised Allocation	Amount Spent as of 7/21/21	Amount Encumbered as of 7/21/21	Total Spent and Encumbered as of 7/21/21	Remaining Allocation	Status Notes 7/21/21
19-407	Food Security - Manna Food	GF Reserves*	HHS	\$260,000	\$260,000	\$260,000	\$0	\$260,000	\$0	All funds dispersed
19-408	Hotel/Motel Rooms for Medical and Front Line Staff	GF Reserves*	Conference and Visitors Bureau NDA	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$37,700	\$0	\$37,700	\$212,300	Program is closed. Remaining funds in the appropriation can be reprogrammed.
19-409	PHEG Grant Program	GF Reserves*	Finance	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$0	\$20,000,000	\$0	All funds dispersed. Of total \$25M provided in the PHEG Grant Program (via Resolution 19-409 & 19-425), 6,751 total applications were received; 2,344 grants were awarded for a total of \$20,916,452 (includes \$646,125 in telework grants); Average grant award was \$8,923; and \$6.7 Million was awarded to 720 retail and restaurant establishments.
19-410	Hospital COVID Response Aid	GF Reserves	COVID-19 Hospital Response NDA	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$0	All funds dispersed
19-411	Emergency Assistance Relief Payment Program and Food Security	GF Reserves	COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance NDA	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$5,994,985	\$5,015	\$6,000,000	\$0	All funds dispersed or encumbered for Phases 1, 2, and 3. As this program is being implemented with General Funds, it is not subject to the CRF deadline.
19-425	PHEG Grant Program	GF Reserves*	Finance	\$5,000,000	\$916,452	\$916,452	\$0	\$916,452	\$0	All funds dispersed.
19-426	Local PPE Production	GF Reserves*	MCEDC NDA	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	All funds dispersed.
19-427	PPE Purchase by DGS	GF Reserves*	DGS	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	All funds expended.
19-432	Emergency Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance	GF Reserves*	COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance NDA	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,071,495	\$0	\$1,071,495	\$928,505	There were 493 Rental Assistance and Emergency Housing payments made as of 10/28/2020. The Department is now concentrating on using funds under 19-557 for this purpose. Council enacted a resolution that allowed CRF dollars to be used for this appropriation instead of the General Fund. With Council approval, \$1,071,495 was moved from this General Fund appropriation to the CRF in November 2020.
19-437	Food Assistance/Security	GF Reserves*	COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance NDA	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$0	\$750,000	\$0	All funds dispersed
19-438	Telework Assistance Program - County Businesses	GF Reserves*	MCEDC NDA	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	All funds dispersed
19-439	Emergency Assistance Relief Payment Program	GF Reserves	COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance NDA	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$3,946,997	\$106,963	\$4,053,960	\$946,040	These funds are being used to implement Phase 4 of the EARP program which launched October 5, 2020 with expanded eligibility for awardees. This program is being implemented with General Funds, and is not subject to CRF deadlines or restrictions.
19-454	Telework Assistance Program - County Businesses	GF Reserves*	MCEDC NDA	\$1,250,000	\$791,000	\$791,000	\$0	\$791,000	\$0	Funds have been disbursed. The remaining \$459,000 was transferred to the 3R program per Council resolution 19-499.
19-490	Unemployment Insurance Outreach	GF Reserves*	Worksource Montgomery NDA	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	The amended WorkSource Montgomery contract was finalized after the July expiration of the enhanced unemployment insurance (UI) benefits. Outreach efforts will be required if the Federal government reauthorizes enhanced UI benefits, and after the Maryland Department of Labor announces the availability of such enhanced UI benefits.
19-498	Coronavirus Relief Fund NDA - Montgomery County Government Operations	Federal Grant Funds	CRF NDA	\$115,636,325	\$85,486,325	\$13,577,037	\$0	\$13,577,037	\$71,909,288	The Revised Allocation amount reflects only the portion of the appropriation under 19-498 that was allocated for County government operations plus the amount allocated by Council under 19-659, and not for earlier appropriations initially funded with General Fund Reserves (those marked with an asterisk in this report). As OMB and Finance close the FY21 financials, \$70 million in hazard pay differential that is uneligible for FEMA reimbursement will be moved to the CRF. The amount remaining will be used to cover any additional administrative costs associated with other CRF funded programs created by Council. The hazard pay differential ended 2/13/21 at a total cost of \$88.7 million.
19-499	3R Program (Reopen, Relaunch, Reimagine) - Economic Development	Unused funds from 19-438 & 19-454	MCEDC NDA	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	All funds have been dispersed under this appropriation.
19-500	Early Care and Education Initiative Recovery Fund (assistance to childcare providers)	Federal Grant Funds	Early Care and Education Initiative NDA	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$0	All funds have been dispersed under this appropriation. In addition, \$267,888 in additional funds were awarded for this program under the ECEI NDA General Fund appropriation. For the grants awarded - 328 Family Childcare Providers received grants, 114 Center Childcare Providers received grants for a total of 442 grants. The additional \$267,888 will be paid for with funds appropriated under 19-498.
19-506	Food Assistance/Security	Federal Grant Funds	COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance NDA	\$10,300,000	\$10,300,000	\$10,300,000	\$0	\$10,300,000	\$0	All funds under this appropriation have been expended - \$10 million of this appropriation is likely eligible for FEMA reimbursement with the \$300,000 in administrative costs paid for with CRF funds.
19-522	COVID-19 Arts Relief Fund	Federal Grant Funds	Arts and Humanities Council NDA	\$3,250,000	\$3,250,000	\$3,250,000	\$0	\$3,250,000	\$0	All funds disbursed.
19-523	Reopen Montgomery Initiative	Federal Grant Funds and Unused PHEG Funds	Economic Development Fund	\$14,000,000	\$8,950,000	\$7,494,476	\$444,368	\$7,938,844	\$1,011,156	Amount spent includes 2,282 grants completed to date. Encumbered funds are for an additional 209 approved grant awardees - payments are in process. In total, 2,491 Reopen grants were approved for a total of \$7,938,844.

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19-524	Maryland Tech. Council - Business Continuity Task Force	Federal Grant Funds	County Executive's Office	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	The MD Tech Council continues to provide Business Continuity training and assistance to businesses looking for ways to survive during the pandemic.
19-535	Business Assistance for Medical and Dental Clinics	Federal Grant Funds	COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance NDA	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$0	All funds disbursed.
19-551	Assistance to Distressed, Affordable Common Ownership Communities	Federal Grant Funds	COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance NDA	\$2,025,000	\$2,025,000	\$90,346	\$0	\$90,346	\$1,934,654	LEDC has fronted the funds to make the grant payments totaling \$40,346 to the 9 associations. DHCA is processing the reimbursement to LEDC. Program is closed and all funds that will be spent have been spent from this appropriation.
19-556	Permanent Supportive Housing for Veterans and Unsheltered Adults	Federal Grant Funds (\$118,335) / General Fund Reserves (\$236,665)	HHS	\$355,000	\$355,000	\$56,438	\$298,562	\$355,000	\$0	Bethesda Cares continues to have issues finding apartments to accept corporate/master leases. They are now working with a real estate agent to help them find units.
19-557	Rental Assistance and Eviction/Homelessness Prevention	Federal Grant Funds	COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance NDA	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$17,835,689	\$1,148,891	\$18,984,580	\$1,015,420	All services have been performed, but not quite all of the spending has occurred. Just under 4,200 households were assisted with COVID Rent Relief from Round 2 of the program.
19-560	Hospitality and Tourism Support	Federal Grant Funds	Conf. & Visitors Bureau NDA	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	All funds dispersed.
19-564	COVID-19 Support Mental Health Hotline (EveryMind)	Federal Grant Funds (\$300,000) / General Fund Reserves (\$95,000)	HHS	\$395,000	\$395,000	\$395,000	\$0	\$395,000	\$0	All funds dispersed.
19-565	Latino Health Initiative - Por Nuestra Salud y Bienestar	Federal Grant Funds (\$4,643,567) / General Fund Reserves (\$952,548)	COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance NDA	\$5,596,115	\$5,596,115	\$5,333,054	\$263,061	\$5,596,115	\$0	Services have been fully performed associated with this Special Appropriation. Awaiting final invoices.
19-582	African American Health Program COVID Response	Federal Grant Funds	COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance NDA	\$3,354,084	\$3,354,084	\$2,788,989	\$565,095	\$3,354,084	\$0	Wrapping up activities associated with this Special Appropriation. Awaiting final invoices.
19-589	Countywide Program - Youth Sports Initiative	Federal Grant (CUPF) (\$500,000)/General Fund Reserves (REC) (\$500,000)	CUPF / Recreation	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$289,953	\$0	\$289,953	\$210,047	CUPF continues to implement the program.
19-590	Youth Sports Initiative	Federal Grant Funds	COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance NDA	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$0	\$550,000	\$0	All funds disbursed.
19-611	School-Age Child Care During Distance Learning	Federal Grant Funds	Early Care and Education Initiative NDA	\$7,687,000	\$7,687,000	\$3,868,654	\$600,000	\$4,468,654	\$3,218,346	\$600,000 has been encumbered for Greater Washington Community Foundation - Children's Opportunity Fund for educational equity hubs through the end of the 2020-2021 school year. School Age Child Care Subsidy: Applications to the program began to be accepted on October 5, 2020. As of July 19, 2021, 696 applications have been received from parents, 454 are approved representing 1,917 children approved for payment. 4 applications are waiting for customer response. Payments started being made in November when providers submitted October invoices. Payments to date July 19, 2021 are \$2,244,654. School-Age Provider Grants: \$1,624,000 has been disbursed to 20 providers. This portion of the program was closed on January 20, 2021.
19-644	Educational Enrichment and Equity Hubs	Federal Grant Funds (\$1.2M) / General Funds (\$600K)	Children's Opportunity Fund	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$1,200,000	\$0	Payment for the full amount of the appropriation (\$1,800,000) has been made to Greater Washington Community Foundation. The program has approximately 650 students enrolled in the program.
19-645	COVID-19 Arts Relief Fund	Federal Grant Funds	Arts and Humanities Council NDA	\$406,190	\$406,190	\$406,190	\$0	\$406,190	\$0	All funds disbursed to Arts and Humanities Council.
19-646	Tourism Stabilization Grant Program	Unused Reopen Montgomery Grant Funds	CEX	\$5,050,000	\$5,050,000	\$5,050,000	\$0	\$5,050,000	\$0	14 Anchor Tourism institutions were approved for Tourism Stabilization grants for a total of \$5,000,000 and an additional \$50,000 was allocated to Visit Montgomery to establish a Global BioRisk Advisory Council (GBAC) STAR program for a cleaning, disinfection and infectious disease prevention best practices accreditation program.
19-683	Therapeutic Youth Services for School-Age Youth	GF Reserves	HHS	\$312,455	\$312,455	\$87,150	\$225,301	\$312,451	\$4	HHS is continuing to implement this program.
19-684	After School Youth Support and Engagement Hubs	GF Reserves	Recreation	\$406,000	\$406,000	\$92,604	\$313,396	\$406,000	\$0	The Collaboration Council implements the program and provides invoicing and reporting through Recreation; amount shown represents payment for services provided through 05-31-21.
19-690	Winterization for Streeteries	GF Reserves	Community Engagement Cluster	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$882,243	\$82,217	\$964,460	\$285,540	CEC is in development on an additional \$285,540 of funding and anticipate utilizing the full amount into FY22 when the weather provides a need for winterization.
19-694	Food Security Fund	GF Reserves	COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance NDA	\$12,803,250	\$12,803,250	\$7,871,199	\$2,803,564	\$10,674,763	\$2,128,487	Due to an increase of Federal funding the County received for senior nutrition and funds raised by the Community Foundation, the Task Force is projecting to spend at a slower rate than initially projected.
19-695	Latino Health Initiative - Por Nuestra Salud y Bienestar	GF Reserves	COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance NDA	\$4,620,997	\$4,620,997	\$3,181,498	\$1,439,499	\$4,620,997	\$0	Por Nuestra Salud y Bienestar continues to deliver COVID-19 prevention, testing, vaccination, and mitigation services geared at high risk and high need Latino communities in Montgomery County.

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19-696	African American Health Program COVID Response	GF Reserves	COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance NDA	\$3,341,444	\$3,341,444	\$1,642,545	\$1,698,899	\$3,341,444	\$0	Activities include: building relationships within targeted zip code areas to serve as host sites for implementation of COVID testing, vaccination registration, targeted co-located onsite, walk-up, and pop-up testing and vaccination services; coordination of in-home and in-office vaccination services; facilitation of culturally tailored mental health services; implementation of the Black Physicians and Healthcare Network (BPHN); and conducting programmatic planning for Phase 3 implementation.
19-709	Conference Center	GF Reserves	Conference Center NDA	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$0	All funds dispersed.
19-717	Restaurant Relief Program	State Aid	MCECDC NDA	\$4,938,298	\$4,938,298	\$4,938,298	\$0	\$4,938,298	\$0	All funds dispersed.
19-718	Hotel Relief Grant Program	State Aid	CEX	\$6,232,666	\$6,232,666	\$6,232,666	\$0	\$6,232,666	\$0	All funds dispersed.
19-853	Hotel Relief Grant Program 2	State Aid	CEX	\$1,739,544	\$1,739,544	\$650,000	\$0	\$650,000	\$1,089,544	An additional \$1,739,544 was awarded by the State for Hotel relief and appropriated by Council on 5/18/21. Of that, \$650,000 has been spent, because the State capped that round of grants at \$25,000 each for qualified applicants, we have spent all that we are able to spend at this point based on the cap. Without program modifications by the State, we anticipate that we will need to return the remaining \$1,089,544 to the State.
19-853	Online Sales Program Grants	State Aid	CEX	\$86,977	\$86,977	\$86,977	\$0	\$86,977	\$0	The State allocated funding to local jurisdictions to provide grants of up to \$5,000 to small businesses to assist with expenses incurred to establish or expand their online sales presence and/or teleworking capabilities. We awarded 20 eligible small businesses grants of \$4,348.85 each. This program is now complete.
19-764	Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program	Federal Grant	HHS	\$31,405,652	\$31,405,652	\$3,499,049	\$4,252,464	\$7,751,513	\$23,654,139	Over 8,100 tenant initiated applications have been received to date. Of those, 850 have resulted in payments so far, 1,349 have either been identified as a duplicate or been denied, another 386 are in the final stages of review, and another over 1,900 are currently active with workers for processing.
19-782	Small Business Rental Assistance	Federal Grant	CEX	\$1,011,156	\$1,011,156	\$1,011,156	\$0	\$1,011,156	\$0	All funds dispersed - 108 applicants received Small Business Rental Assistance grant funding.
19-932	Food Security Fund	GF Reserves	COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance NDA	\$1,783,000	\$1,783,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,783,000	The Department is currently working on issuing contracts and encumbering funds - of the amount shown, \$208,000 will be used to support the purchasing of diapers.

Note: * Denotes special appropriation that is eligible for CRF funding under 19-498 and 19-659.

FEMA Reimbursement Update: 7.21.2021

A team of County employees has been formed to handle the documentation process that will occur through at least September 30, 2021. The Federal Aid Reimbursement Submission (FARS) Team is actively working with department personnel to identify and gather the proper documentation for the County's emergency-related expenditures that were incurred in response to the pandemic, in the highly organized and detailed manner required by FEMA. The chart below displays the current progress of documenting, reviewing, and submitting emergency-related expenditures.

Submission Number	Submission Description	Documented Amount as of 7/20/2021	Estimated Date submitted to FEMA	Initial Submission to FEMA	Final Submission to FEMA	Actual Reimbursement
1.0	Personal Protective Equipment and other related purchases by DGS from March - August	\$31.8M	10/23/2020	\$31.8M 10/23/2020	\$31.8M 10/23/2020	\$31.8M 75% on 1/22/2021 25% Approved on 4/1/21
2.0	Personnel Costs from FOP and IAFF represented Employees, ECC, DOT, and HHS from March - August	\$31.2M	Tentative 9/1/2021	\$31.2M 11/25/2020	Documentation being reorganized based on new FEMA guidance (Note 7)	
2.5	Operating Expenses from various Departments excluding DGS from March - August	\$22.0M	Tentative 9/1/2021	\$22.0M 1/7/2021	Documentation being reorganized based on new FEMA guidance (Note 7)	
3.0	Personal Protective Equipment and other related purchases by DGS from September - October	\$9.9M	1/5/2021	\$8.6M 1/5/2021	\$4.4M 7/2/2021	
4.0	Personnel Costs from Non-FOP and Non-IAFF represented Employees and other departments from March- August	\$9.4M	Tentative 9/1/2021		Documentation being reorganized based on new FEMA guidance (Note 7)	
5.0	Operating Expenses and Personnel Costs from September - October	\$9.0M	Tentative 9/1/2021		Documentation being reorganized based on new FEMA guidance (Note 7)	
6.0	Operating Expenses and Personnel Costs from November - December	\$19.6M	Tentative 9/1/2021		Documentation being reorganized based on new FEMA guidance (Note 7)	
7.0	Operating Expenses and Personnel Costs from January - February	\$19.2M	Tentative 9/1/2021			
8.0	Operating Expenses and Personnel Costs from March-June 2021	TBD	Tentative 10/1/2021			

Submission Notes:

1. On 10/23/2020 the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security submitted \$ 31,837,949.02 for reimbursement for Personnel Protective Equipment and other related purchases by the Department of General Services from March-August 2020.
2. On 11/25/2020 the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security submitted \$31,177,824.82 for reimbursement for Personnel Costs from FOP and IAFF represented Employees, ECC, DOT, and HHS from March-August. Feedback from FEMA indicates that approximately \$1.5M of this amount is eligible for the final submission. Any amount not reimbursed by FEMA for differential pay in this submission could be booked to the CRF.

3. On 1/5/2021 the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security submitted **\$8,648,331.47** for reimbursement for Personnel Protective Equipment and other related purchases by the Department of General Services from September-October 2020.
4. On 1/22/2021 the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security received final approval from FEMA for **\$23,878,461.77** in reimbursement for Personnel Protective Equipment and other related purchases by the Department of General Services from March-August 2020. A recent Executive Order has directed FEMA to increase the federal match from 75% to 100% of eligible expenditures. No further action needs to be taken by MCG regarding prior submissions.
5. On 4/1/2021 the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security received final approval from FEMA for **\$7,963,072.08** in reimbursement for the remaining 25% of the Personnel Protective Equipment and other related purchases by the Department of General Services from March-August 2020.
6. On 7/2/2021 the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security submitted **\$4,354,315.03** for reimbursement for Personnel Protective Equipment and other related purchases by the Department of General Services from September-October 2020. An additional approx. \$1.3M of expenditures made prior to 9/15/2020 will be added to a future submission as per FEMA; other expenditures from the initial submission have been disallowed by FEMA based on mid-pandemic policy changes.
7. The required documentation for submissions 2.0, 2.5, 4.0, 5.0, and 6.0 are being revised based on new (June 2021) guidance from FEMA; eligible expenses are to be grouped into nine distinct categories split out by a combination of both "policy period" and activity type, as described in the table below, resulting in extensive revisions by OEMHS currently in process for a planned final submission on or around 9/1/2021:

	1/20/2020 – 9/14/2020	9/15/2020 – 1/20/2021	1/21/2021 – 9/30/2021
Feeding / Food Distribution			
Non-Congregate Sheltering			
Emergency Medical Care and All Other Expenditures			