

## **Staff Report – Meeting Item**

Coronavirus Relief Fund Options Presentation Presenter: Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director

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**INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE/SUMMARY:** The United States Congress approved the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act on March 27, 2020, to provide immediate relief in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its unprecedented economic impacts. As a community of a population of 500,000 or less, the City of Camas received a distribution of these funds from the Washington State Department of Commerce of \$722,700. In order to access the funds, the City is required to enter into an Interagency Agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce from the public health emergency of COVID-19 between March 1, 2020 and October 31, 2020.

The funds from the Coronavirus Relief Funds are intended to support the City for unbudgeted costs due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The City may use the funds to pay for unbudgeted costs associated with:

- Emergency medical response expenses
- Communication of public health measures
- Medical and protective supplies
- Disinfecting public areas and facilities
- Quarantining individuals
- Payroll expenses for public health staffing (EMS)
- Expenses to facilitate compliance with COVID-19 measures
- Economic support for the community

This presentation will review what staff is proposing and provide Council an opportunity to modify the proposed budget. The resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Interagency Agreement with the City and the Washington State Department of Commerce will be presented at the Regular City Council Meeting on July 20, 2020.