



CARES Act



**City Council Update
August 11, 2020**

CARES Act Intent

- **The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act** was passed by Congress and signed into law on March 27th. This over \$2 trillion economic relief package intends to protect the American people from the public health and economic impacts of COVID-19.

CCG CARES Act Funding

Phase I Allocation:
\$10,248,054

30% Advance: \$3,074,416

State made initial 30% allocation
deposit on August 3rd

Must be expended and submitted
by September 1, 2020

Based on per capita basis
(population): 195,769

CARES Act Contractor

- **Media, Marketing... and More! Inc.** led by Marquette McKnight and her team has been hired to manage the City's Process.
- **Focus: to gather and review applications from community organizations for grants**

Community Grant Opportunity

- Community COVID 19 Grant Categories:
 - 1. Medical/Health
 - 2. Community Assistance
 - 3. Small Business/Arts Organizations

Timeline

- August 6th Media Advisory
- August 10th Press Conference
- September 1 Phase I Submission
- TBD Phase II Submission
- Dec. 31 Closeout of CARES Act Funding

Significant UPDATE

- The Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB)
- One of the most important items to note is that public safety salaries, including payroll and associated benefits (including hazard pay) for law enforcement, fire, EMS and EMA, appear to be eligible for 100% reimbursement back to March 1

State Response

- Official Guidance changes by the day
- Slow to open Portal to request allocation
- Waiting on training to be provided
- ACCG/GMA Concerns: The delayed opening of the CARES Act web portal, coupled with the delay in rolling out the educational seminars has caused many local government officials to respond with indecision, not knowing if any given expenditure will be eligible for reimbursement.

Request by ACCG/GMA

- **July 31st:** ACCG and Georgia Municipal Association Executives transmitted a letter to Governor Brian Kemp requesting that the deadline of September 1 for the expenditure of funding in Phase I of CARES Act allocations be extended to coincide with the date his office sets as the deadline for Phase II. The request was made in part as a result in the delay in opening the CARES Act web portal and the delay in providing the educational seminars

CCG Initial Intent

- Because of the September 1st deadline to expend and submit expenditures, it will be difficult to now come to Council for approval to submit.
- In order to meet this deadline, we won't have the time to submit for prior approval
- The CM will proceed with submittal and brief city council after the fact unless directed otherwise by the mayor and council.

