

CITY OF LYNDEN



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CARES Funding Memo to Council:

I want to review where we are at with all the CARES funding. We have a total of \$651,000 to distribute. Initially we had \$436,000, then the State added another \$215,000 to it. I was thinking that we might not spend all the money, but if we don't the State will get it and will likely spend it in other areas, so we may as well keep as much of the money as possible in our community.

Some of our funding has been distributed to businesses using the Port of Bellingham's "Whatcom Restart" program. In the first round we committed \$100,000 to this program and the County added \$161,000 to our amount. This \$261,000 has been committed. In the first round we fully funded some requests and partially funded the rest. We also committed \$84,000 to non-profits during this round of distribution.

When the second round of funds came in from the State we worked with Whatcom County again and decided Lynden would commit another \$100,000 to businesses and the County would match our money with an additional \$110,000 (see Table 2, below). With these dollars we can fully fund all the requests made in the first round and fund four new requests. Doing this would commit the full \$210,000 available for the second round.

While working with the County, it became apparent that they had Health Department funds to commit to Health-related projects. County Executive Sidhu offered to pay for all the sewer testing that we were doing. When taking on this obligation, the Executive requested that we help the Northwest Washington Fair. Knowing that we would have spent \$50,000 on the testing, I am now adding this amount to the non-profit side of the distribution of funds.

Other non-profits that can use additional funding include:

- Project Hope: we committed \$25,000 to them in the first round. I recommend another \$30,000 for them in the second round. They have spent approximately \$60,000 on utility assistance. This is twice what they budgeted, so there is definite need at Project Hope.
- The Lynden Senior Center: here is another non-profit that is hurting and in need of some help. I'm proposing we commit \$20,000 to them in the second round.

Whatcom County Health is funding public schools at a rate of \$45 per student to cover COVID related expenses. They did not include private schools in their funding. I've asked the county to fund private schools in the same manner as public schools. If Whatcom County Health does not fund private schools at \$45 per student like they are doing for the public schools, I'd recommend that we fund the local private schools at that rate. As follows:

School	Students	Total Grant
Lynden Christian	1,123	50,535
Cornerstone	127	5,715
Ebenezer	167	7,515
Covenant	26	1,170
Total		64,935

Table 1
Private School Funding at \$45 per Student

The City has incurred some expenses along the way that can be attributed to COVID; CARES money will pay for these. We have some salaries and wages that are direct expense. We estimate these to be around \$130,000. We also have direct expenses related to PPE that we have purchased to keep employees and the public safe in these difficult times. To improve public safety, we want to shift to a program that allows for paperless forms. This will cost \$18,000 and an associated contract. These expenses along with computers and associated equipment to do online meetings total around \$48,000.

Then there is the matter of continuing to test the Lynden sewer system. The County has committed \$40,000 for testing; this should get tests paid for through November. I would like to continue testing after that and propose that we enter into a contract with Exact Scientific for another \$40,000 in testing and commit these funds before November 30, when the CARES program closes.

So here is a summary of where we are at:

Cares Funding Expenditures			
(expended and proposed)			
	Lynden		County
	Round 1	Round 2	
Total CARES:	436,000	215,000	271,000
Approved (expended)			
Businesses	99,000		161,000
Non-Profits	84,000		-
Un-Approved (proposed)			
PPE, Computers, Forms		48,000	-
Salaries		130,000	-
Additional non-profits		149,935	
Additional business		100,000	110,000
Additional sewer testing		40,000	
Net available	253,000	65	-

**Table 2
Cares Funding Distribution**

Doing the proposed would use up nearly all the funds. If the County comes through on funding the private schools or if additional funding is available I propose the Council give me the authority to distribute the remaining funds to other non-profits in the community. These would include some or all of the following:

- The Jansen Art Center
- New Way Ministries
- Engeti Refuge
- Lynden Chamber of Commerce
- Downtown Merchants
- The Lynden Music Festival

Here is the non-profit (Table 3) and business, for profit (Table 4) distribution summary:

NON-PROFIT REQUESTS AND DISTRIBUTION				
Item	Business Name	Requested Amount	Round 1	Round 2
1	Lynden Heritage Foundation	15,000	15,000	
2	Hope Lutheran Church	6,000	6,000	
3	Lynden Middle & Senior PTA	13,000	13,000	
4	Project Hope (Round 1)	25,000	25,000	
5	Lynden Chamber of Commerce	25,000	25,000	
6	Project Hope (Round 2)	30,000		20,000
7	Northwest Washington Fair	50,000		50,000
8	Lynden Senior Center	20,000		15,000
9	Lynden Christian	50,535		50,535
10	Cornerstone	5,715		5,715
11	Ebenezer	7,515		7,515
12	Covenant	1,170		1,170
Total Non-Profits:		278,935	84,000	149,935

**Table 3
Non-Profit Distribution of CARES Funds**

BUSINESS REQUESTS AND DISTRIBUTION

Item	Business Name	Requested Amount	City Funded Round 1	City Funded Round 2	County Funded
1	Lynden Skateway Inc.	15,000	15,000		
2	Cheeks Jeans LLC	15,000	15,000		
3	Heartfelt Massage	12,000	12,000		
4	Lynden Pioneers, Inc.	15,000	15,000		
5	Ross Healthcare Inc	15,000	15,000		
6	Creative Design	7,000	7,000		
7	Gregory J Helgath Inc PS	15,000	10,000	5,000	
8	The Nuthouse Grill LLC	15,000	10,000	5,000	
9	The Little Red Wagon Inc	5,000		5,000	
10	ForeFront Hospitality LLC	15,000		15,000	
11	MJ Management, LLC	15,000		15,000	
12	Hats Off T-Shirts & Engraving, Inc.	15,000		15,000	
13	Overflow Taps, LLC	10,000		10,000	
14	Rustlers Front Street Grill	10,000		10,000	
15	Steakhouse 9, LLC	10,000		10,000	
16	Fariway Café	10,000		10,000	
17	Advantage Sports/ Soccer City	15,000			15,000
18	Broma Technologies, LLC	15,000			15,000
19	Lynden Fro-Yo, LLC.	15,000			15,000
20	The Homestead Club Inc.	15,000			15,000
21	NAH, NOT A HOBBY, LLC	15,000			15,000
22	Lynden Heritage Foundation ¹	15,000			
23	Style Solo LLC	15,000			15,000
24	Perfect Smile Orthodontics	15,000			15,000
25	Lynden Book Shop, Inc	7,000			7,000
26	Timmer Enterprises LLC	10,000			10,000
27	RAS Manufacturing Inc.	10,700			10,700
28	Management Recruiters of Lynden	15,000			15,000
29	Mark Frye Inc ²	15,000			
30	Northwest Washington Fair Association	15,000			15,000
31	Simply Enjoy Photography	6,000			6,000
32	Geoffrey T Tupper, DDS	15,000			15,000
33	Hope Lutheran Church ¹	6,000			
34	Whatcom IT, Inc.	7,000			7,000
35	Jakes Restaurant LLC	15,000			15,000
36	Jeema Corporation	15,000			15,000
37	Pacific Supplies and Maintenance, LLC	15,000			15,000
38	Sound Landscaping, Inc.	15,000			15,000
39	Pacific Edge Builders LLC ²	15,000			
40	NORWEST NETWORKS INC	15,000			15,000
41	Lynden Middle & Senior PTA ¹	13,000			
42	The Thirsty Badger, LLC	7,500			7,500
43	Nerf's Up LLC ²	15,000			
Total:		551,200	99,000	100,000	273,200

¹Moved to Non-Profit

²Committee Recommends no funding

Table 4

Business Distribution of CARES Funds