

Coronavirus Relief Funds

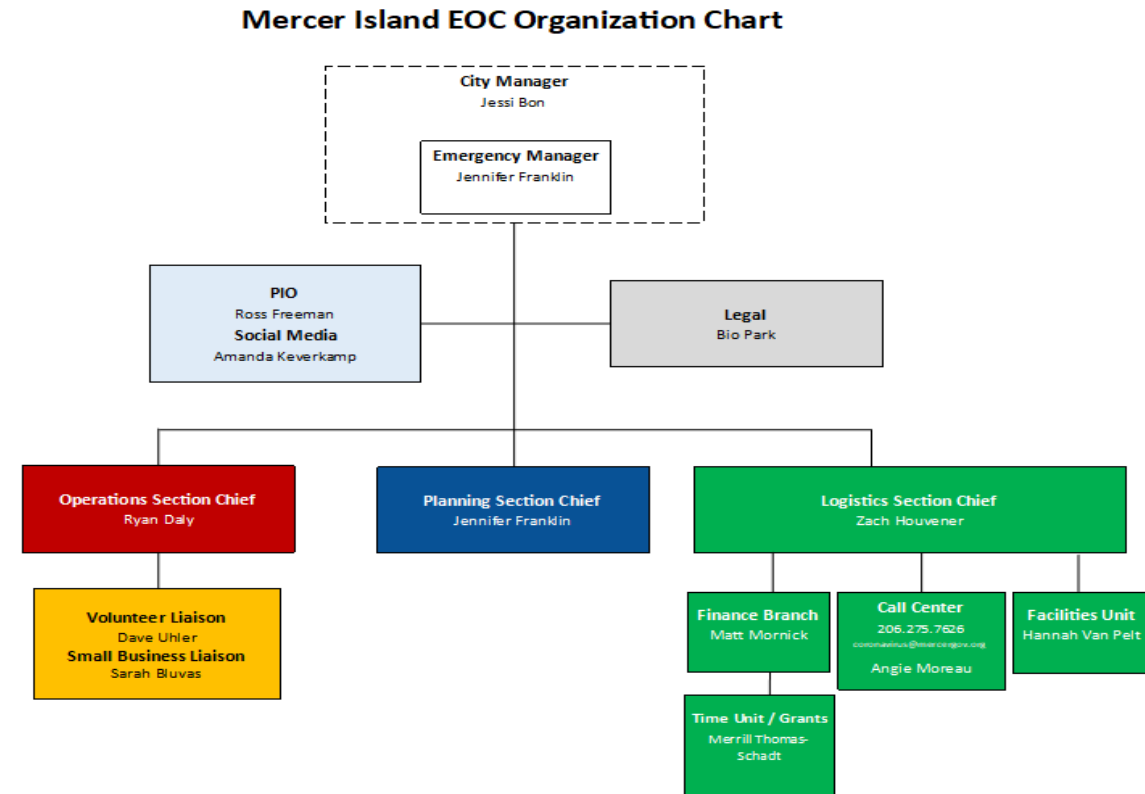
CARES Act Funds for Local Governments

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EOC Grants and Time Tracking Unit

- Coordinate and track City's applications for grant reimbursements related to emergencies.
- Assist with tracking expenses related to the City's Coronavirus Pandemic response.
- Monitor staff hours and activities related to the Pandemic, ensuring accurate tracking for reimbursement.



CRF: Program Background



Coronavirus Relief Funds Program

- Source of Funds
 - Federal stimulus funding provided by US Dept of Treasury
 - Awarded by Governor Inslee via the Office of Financial Management
- Period of Performance
 - Funds may only be used for costs incurred in response to the Coronavirus pandemic during the period of March 1 – October 31, 2020
 - Final requests for reimbursement due November 15, 2020



CRF: Intended Use

Coronavirus Relief Funds may be used to cover costs that:

- Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the Coronavirus; and
- Are not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020.



CRF: Eligible Costs



1. Medical expenses

- Emergency medical expenses, including emergency medical transportation related to COVID-19
- Expenses for operating public telemedicine capabilities for COVID-19 related treatment



CRF: Eligible Costs



2. Public health expenses

- Communication and enforcement of public health orders related to COVID-19
- Acquisition and distribution of medical and protective supplies for public health or safety workers
- Disinfection of public areas and other facilities
- Public safety measures undertaken in response to COVID-19



CRF: Eligible Costs



Dear Islanders,

We are here to help.

We know that this is a challenging time, and the MIYFS team is here for you and your family.

- Emergency Financial Case Management
- Rent and Utility Assistance
- Food Pantry
- Senior Case Management
- Counseling Services

Clinical Services Intake
206-275-7657

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3. Payroll expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and employees who are substantially mitigating or responding to the Pandemic.



CRF: Eligible Costs



4. Expenses of action to facilitate compliance with COVID-19 related public health measures.



5. Expenses associated with the provision of economic support in connection with the COVID-19 response.



Eligible Cost Test

If all five statements are true, then a jurisdiction can feel confident the cost is eligible:

1. The expense is connected to the COVID-19 emergency.
2. The expense is "necessary."
3. The expense is not filling a shortfall in government revenues.
4. The expense is not funded through another budget line item, allotment or allocation, as of March 27, 2020.
5. The expense wouldn't exist without COVID-19 or would be for a "substantially different" purpose.



Mercer Island Portion

Mercer Island received \$734,100

- OFM allocations based on 2019 population estimates
- City received notice May 20, 2020
- Contract initiated July 15, 2020



Contingency Funds

City will utilize CARES funding before Contingency Funds

- June 2nd – Council allocated \$496,000 of Contingency Funds
- From 5/1 – 12/31, staff estimate \$842,000 in emergency response costs
- CARES funds delay and reduce reliance on Contingency Funds
- Staff anticipate using \$108,000 in Contingency Funds thru year-end



Additional Resources



- FEMA Public Assistance
- King County CARES Act funds for Small Business
- Assistance to Firefighters Program (not awarded)
- Ongoing outreach for other resources



Recommendation

Authorize the City Manager to accept CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds from Washington State in the amount of \$734,100. Appropriate the full amount to support the City's emergency operation in response to the Pandemic through December 31, 2020.



Questions?

