

Plan to Use CARES Act Payment to Milwaukee

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Background Information

- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides payments to State, Local, and Tribal governments navigating the impact of COVID-19 outbreak
- Established \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund - Treasury responsible for issuing Fund payments to States and eligible units of local government.
- Local governments with populations over 500,000 were eligible for the funding.
- Guidelines for the use of the funding provided by the US Treasury indicate:
 - ❑ Necessary expenditures incurred due to COVID-19 public health emergency
 - ❑ Expenses not accounted for in budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the eligible government entity
 - ❑ Incurred during period March 1, 2020 - December 30, 2020.

CARES Act - Wisconsin Allocation

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| Wisconsin | Total Allocation | \$2,257,710,741.60 |
| Eligible local governments that certified: | | |
| Dane County | | \$95,394,061.70 |
| Milwaukee County | | \$62,044,048.60 |
| City of Milwaukee | | \$102,977,845.50 |
| Payment to the State | | \$1,997,294,785.80 |

Guideline Information

- The following are the links to the initial US Treasury guidelines and responses to frequently asked questions:
- <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Guidance-for-State-Territorial-Local-and-Tribal-Governments.pdf>
- <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf>
 - ❖ Funds are not allowed to be used to cover revenue shortfalls.

Uses of the CARES Act Payment

- Maximizes use of the payment for departmental expenses
- Provides funding for small business restart assistance Program
- Sets aside funding for a residential rental assist program currently in the process of being developed

Department Appropriations

- Funding guidelines allow funding for:
 - ❑ Positions mainly assigned to COVID-19 related issues
 - ❑ Positions redeployed to COVID-19 activities
 - ❑ Other costs related to COVID-19
 - ❑ Costs related to compliance with stay at home orders
 - ❑ Costs related to safety improvements to work areas for employees returning to work
 - ❑ Any cost not reimbursed by the Federal Government for unemployment compensation
 - ❑ Worker's Compensation Costs

Department Appropriations (Continued)

- Funding uses include:
 - ❑ Paramedics testing of symptomatic city employees at Engine House 5
 - ❑ Hazard Pay
 - ❑ Positive tested patient contact tracing including the use of redeployed staff from other departments
 - ❑ Costs associated with compliance of the stay at home act
 - ❑ Return to work safety costs
 - ❑ Enforcement of health orders
 - ❑ First responder costs

Department Appropriations (Continued)

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| Assessor | \$ 7,616 | DPW-Sewer | \$ 102,265 |
| City Attorney | \$ 974,887 | Fire | \$ 9,204,773 |
| City Clerk | \$ 177,649 | Fire & Police Commissior | \$ 146,814 |
| City Treasurer | \$ 83,020 | Health | \$36,754,858 |
| Comptroller | \$ 292,337 | Library | \$ 843,413 |
| DCD | \$ 111,960 | Municipal Court | \$ 455,881 |
| DER | \$ 160,358 | Neighborhood Services | \$ 611,586 |
| DOA | \$2,093,087 | Police | \$ 4,105,722 |
| DPW-Administrative Services | \$ 31,139 | | |
| DPW-Infrastructure | \$1,065,618 | Department Total | \$60,019,676 |
| DPW-Operations | \$1,400,737 | | |
| DPW-Transportation | \$ 390,598 | Contingent | \$ 8,350,170 |
| DPW-Water Works | \$1,012,975 | | |
| | | Total | \$68,369,846 |

Small Business Restart Grants

- Provide a grant up to \$15,000 to small business that has no more than 20 employees and annual revenue up to \$2 million
- Used to pay expenses associated with retooling businesses to meet best practices for health and safety
- The program will not take applications on a first-come, first-served basis, but instead will offer an application window for businesses to apply.

Remaining Funds

- A rent assistance program to reduce the risk of someone becoming homeless is currently being developed