

## **ORDINANCE No.**

Accept and appropriate \$128,401,261 in 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Funds and delegate authority to the Program Bureau Directors to execute contracts and agreements funded under the program. (Ordinance).

The City of Portland Ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. On March 8, 2020, Governor Kate Brown issued Executive Order 2020-03 Declaration of Emergency establishing the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic as a threat to public health and safety.
2. On March 12, 2020 the Mayor declared a Local Emergency for the City of Portland in response to COVID-19 virus and intends to renew the declaration every two weeks for the foreseeable future.
3. On March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a nationwide emergency in response to the COVID-19 virus pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Stafford Act.
4. On March 23, 2020 Governor Kate Brown issued Executive Order 2020-12 establishing the “Stay Home, Save Lives” mandate, ordering Oregonians to stay at home and closing specified businesses and establishing both indoor and outdoor social distancing requirements.
5. On March 27, 2020, H.R. 748 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was introduced by the United States Congress to provide emergency assistance and health care response for individuals, families, and businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and signed into law by President Donald Trump.
6. On April 14, 2020 the City of Portland submitted certification documents to receive a disbursement of \$114 million in CARES Act: Coronavirus Relief Funds from the United States Department of the Treasury, receiving the funds on April 20, 2020.
7. On June 9, 2020 the City of Portland received a \$14,401,261 million CARES Act Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) grant through the Federal Housing and Urban Development.
8. On May 26, 2020 City Council established a “PDX-CARES” Act Task Force to assist with making recommendations on how to the allocate CARES Act related federal relief and grant funds.
9. As a result of the social distancing mandates require by the State and around the nation, our region has experienced the most severe economic downturn in the past

century. With hundreds of businesses required to temporarily close or scale down, Multnomah County's unemployment went from a historically low rate of 3.2% in February 2020 to 15.2% in April, resulting over approximately 123,000 individuals without jobs and at risk.

10. As a result of the dire economic conditions that Portlanders are facing, the City has determined that it is necessary to use federal funds to develop a "PDX-CARES" relief package to support the individuals, families, businesses and nonprofits facing extreme hardships as a result COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting economic downturn.
11. As a result of the ongoing and uncertain COVID-19-related public health and homeless response led by Multnomah County, the City has determined that it is necessary to use CARES Act funding to help mitigate the financial impact of the pandemic response to our region.
12. As a result of our Multnomah County municipal partners not being eligible to receive any CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds, the City has determined that a "PDX-CARES" relief package is necessary to assist East Multnomah County cities in mitigating the impacts of COVID-19.
13. As a result of the ongoing and uncertain nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City has determined that it is necessary to supplement the City's initial \$3 million COVID-19 incident budget with Coronavirus Relief Funds.
14. PDX-CARES household and business relief programs shall be used to assist Portland's most vulnerable populations and to the maximum extent possible, priority shall be given to Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) families and individuals, BIPOC businesses, homeless and houseless communities and people with disabilities.
15. Due to the urgent and immediate need to begin disbursing relief funds, the Council finds it necessary to delegate contract and agreement execution authority to the Program Bureau Directors managing CARES Act funds programs. In addition, the City finds it reasonable and appropriate under these circumstances to forgo any competitive process for awarding subrecipient grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. The Mayor is hereby authorized to allocate CARES Act Funding on behalf of the City of Portland from the US Department of Treasury.
- b. The FY 2020-2021 budget is hereby amended as follows:  
Grants Fund

Fund 217  
Business Area HC  
Bureau Program Expenses \$82,901,261

Fund 217  
Business Area MF  
Bureau Program Expense \$41,450,000

Fund 217  
Business Area – PN  
Bureau Program Expense \$3,500,000

Fund 217  
Business Area – TR

Bureau Program Expense \$550,000

- c. The PDX-CARES Task Force to review monthly status reports related to CARES Act funded programs to ensure they are meeting the agreed upon outcomes and that funds are being disbursed expeditiously.
- d. The Bureau Directors identified in Exhibit A are authorized to execute, amend, and terminate contracts and agreements funded by any of the above relief packages through December 30, 2020.

Passed by the Council:

Commissioner Mayor Ted Wheeler  
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