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To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: May 3, 2021

Re: Amending the FY 2021 Annual Budget by appropriating funds for Round 3 CDBG-CV public assistance programs, an employee wage and benefits study, a business license and health inspection rebate program, 2020 licensing fee rebates for restaurants and bars, and hotel/motel and concert venue reimbursements.

## Executive Summary

An ordinance amending the FY21 General Fund budget to allocate funds for programs that address public assistance needs resulting from the pandemic, as well as an employee wage and benefits study.

## Discussion

At the April 19, 2021 City Council meeting, Staff presented a report to Council that addressed the plan to allocate resources for public assistance needs. The report included a comprehensive list of uses for reserves to fund CDBG-CV Round 3. By utilizing an existing pandemic relief funding process, this approach will allow for the expedient, fair, and transparent distribution of \$1.3 million in reserves that have been reviewed and vetted by Housing, Community Development Commission, and the City Council.

Also included in the report was the proposal to use of \$300,000 for a wage and benefit study to be conducted in the current fiscal year. Staff also recommends using up to \$500,000 for an Entertainment Business Assistance Program that would include:

- Business License and Health Inspection Rebate Program
- Rebate for 2020 licensing fees for Restaurants and Bars
- Hotel/Motel and Concert Venue reimbursement for COVID related expenses

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$2,100,500

Long-Term Impact: Cost will depend on additional audits requested

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### [Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Economy, Secondary Impact: Public Safety, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### [Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Economic Development, Secondary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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## Legislative History

Date	Action
03/15/2021	Council requested the Human Services Manager and Housing Programs Manager formulate a plan for distributing \$1.3 million in excess reserve funding for meeting public assistance needs.
04/19/2021	REP28-21 Potential Uses of Reserve Funds

## Suggested Council Action

Staff suggests approval of the ordinance as submitted.