

RESOLUTION 2020-08-505

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON, WASHINGTON,
AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES OF COVID-19 CARES ACT FUNDING AND
PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURES AND CERTAIN AUTHORIZATIONS**

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the United States Congress adopted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) which, among other things, amended Section 601(a) of the Social Security Act and established the Coronavirus Relief Fund into which Congress appropriated \$150 billion to make payments for specified uses to States and certain local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Relief Fund is available to reimburse government recipients for necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency that were not accounted for in the government recipient’s most-recently appropriated budget and that were incurred during the period between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, guidance issued by the U.S. Treasury Department indicates that necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency include costs incurred to support local businesses that suffered losses due to COVID-19 business interruptions, or incurred costs for personal protection equipment or other materials, supplies and equipment needed to safely operate following a COVID-19 related closures; and

WHEREAS, guidance issued by the U.S. Treasury Department indicates that necessary expenditures may include rent and mortgage assistance, utility payment assistance, childcare assistance if need is directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington has decided to distribute a certain portion of its share of the CARES Act funding to Washington Cities, including the City of White Salmon, with such funds being administered through the Washington State Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, under the Washington State Department of Commerce Interagency Agreement with the City of White Salmon through the Coronavirus Relief Fund for Local Governments reimbursable expenditures must be incurred during the period between march 1, 2020 and October 31, 2020 in order for the State of Washington to closeout its contracts in time to meet the United States Treasury’s December 30, 2020, end date; and

WHEREAS, the City of White Salmon desires to establish two programs for the use of fund: White Salmon Community Relief Fund and the White Salmon Welcoming Customers Business Grants in addition to providing funding for the city to address requirements in city operations to meet COVID-19 requirements and to provide community support in meeting COVID-19 requirements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of White Salmon that the following programs and procedures are established and authorized.

1. White Salmon Community Relief Fund

\$40,000 of the \$78,3000 CARES Act funding will be provided to establish a White Salmon Community Relief Fund. These funds will be used for payments to households up to \$500 per household to cover costs of rent, mortgage, utility payments, childcare, transportation (possibly in the form of gas vouchers) or distance learning electronics. Households making 200% AMI (adjusted median income) that can show a hardship related to the COVID-19 pandemic such as reduced work hours, unemployment, change in commuting needs, additional costs to related to at-home learning requirements, or childcare expenses are eligible for the funding. 30% of the available funding shall be dedicated to Hispanic, Latino, Black, American Indian/Alaskan Native, and Asian to ensure proportional representation reflective of city demographics. The Mayor is authorized to work with a local nonprofit organization or with staff to implement the white Salmon Community Relief Fund including the development of an application for funding.

2. White Salmon Welcoming Customers Business Grants

\$22,500 of the \$78,300 CARE Act funding will be provided for White Salmon Welcoming Customers Business Grants. These funds can be granted to White Salmon businesses that serve customers (hospitality, grocery, hardware, pharmacy, medical, retail, etc.) to aid in procurement of additional PPE, signage, or other means used to communicate or help ensure compliance with state required COVID-19 operating guidelines. Businesses that have already received COVID-19 funding for such purchases are not eligible. This funding cannot be used to cover payroll costs. Businesses must be SBA (Small Business Administration eligible recipients. The Mayor is authorized to work with staff to implement the White Salmon Welcoming Customers Business Grants including the development of an application for funding.

3. City Operations

\$7,900 of the \$78,300 CARES Act funding is dedicated to support the purchase of additional laptops for employees working from home, additional PPE for city personnel and visitors to City Hall, AV enhancements to enhance virtual meetings and partial virtual meetings such as cameras and other unforeseen costs directly related to COVID-19 and that aid the ability of the city to continue operations during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Mayor is authorized to make expenditures for city operations related to the COVID-19 pandemic up to \$7,900.

4. Community Support

\$7,900 of the \$78,300 CARES Act funding is dedicated towards the purchase of face masks, parklet construction for downtown businesses and other additional unforeseen expenditures directly related to COVID-19 aimed at supporting residents and community engagement as a result of and during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Mayor is

authorized to make expenditures related to community support that relate to the COVID-19 pandemic up to \$7,900.

This resolution shall take effect after its passage by the City Council.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of White Salmon, Washington. Dated this 19th day of August, 2020.

Marla Keethler, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer

Kenneth B. Woodrich, City Attorney