

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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	Agenda Item: <b>67</b>	Roll Call: <b>20-1480</b>
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### AGENDA HEADING:

Recommend approval to request reimbursement for eligible costs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund.

### SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval to request reimbursement for eligible costs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund. The State of Iowa is allocating \$125 million for expenses incurred in response to the COVID-19 pandemic of which \$25 million is allocated for the FEMA match on behalf of local governments. The remaining \$100 million is allocated to direct payments to local governments.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$5,091,677.54 of revenue to cover COVID-19 related costs.

Funding Source: Revenue will be deposited into the City's unallocated general fund amount (ND405643).

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Request for reimbursements from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund cannot be eligible for reimbursement from other sources such as FEMA.
- Per guidance from the State, for the sake of administrative ease and faster reimbursement, local governments may submit 25% of payroll costs for public safety employees to meet their reimbursable maximum.
- During the performance period of March 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020, the city would be eligible for \$9,479,348 based off of the claimable public safety payroll costs but is only allocated \$5,091,677.54.
- The City has been significantly affected by the COVID-19 Emergency. Across all funds, the City has seen at minimum a \$10 million loss of revenue in FY 20 and anticipates at minimum an additional \$20 million loss in the current fiscal year. Significant reductions in Local Option Sales and Services Tax (LOSST), parking revenue, hotel/motel tax, road use tax revenue, Parks and Recreation Department rentals and program fees, and wastewater service charges are expected to continue into Fiscal Year (FY) 2021.

- The City has expended approximately \$675,000 in additional supplies, services and overtime costs directly related to COVID-19, since March 2020.
- The application must be submitted to the State of Iowa no later than September 15, 2020.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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