

Summary
Board Bill Number 90
As Amended
Primary Sponsor: Alderman Jeffrey Boyd
July 2, 2020

An Ordinance wherein Board of Aldermen authorizes the receipt of and appropriates funds (solely to the extent received) awarded for COVID-19 related expenses under the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Emergency Solutions Grant Program, the Missouri Secretary of State's Assistance to Local Election Authorities COVID-19 Grant Program, and the Department of Health and Human Services' Relief Fund, all relating to the COVID-19 pandemic; and containing an emergency clause.

**BOARD BILL NUMBER 90 AS AMENDED INTRODUCED BY: ALDERMAN
JEFFREY BOYD**

1 An Ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment wherein the
2 Board of Aldermen authorizes the receipt of and appropriates funds (solely to the extent received)
3 awarded under the Emergency Solutions Grant Program of the Department of Housing and Urban
4 Development (HUD), the Missouri Secretary of State’s Assistance to Local Election Authorities
5 COVID-19 Grant Program, and the Department of Health and Human Services’ Relief Fund, all
6 relating to the COVID-19 pandemic; and containing an emergency clause.

7 **WHEREAS**, in addition to Emergency Solutions Grant funds previously accepted by and
8 appropriated by the City for COVID-19 related expenses, the City has received a new allocation
9 of Emergency Solutions Grants Program funds in the amount of \$4,391,329 (the ESG-CV-2
10 Funds), as stated in a letter dated June 9, 2020 from HUD to the Mayor, to prevent, prepare for,
11 and respond to the coronavirus pandemic among individuals and families who are homeless or
12 receiving homeless assistance, and to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness
13 prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19;

14 **WHEREAS**, the City has received notice of a grant of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars
15 (\$150,000) from the Missouri Secretary of State under its Local Election Authorities COVID-19
16 Grant Program (the Election CV Funds) to assist with expenses in adapting election processes in
17 response to COVID-19;

18 **WHEREAS**, the City anticipates receipt of One Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred
19 Twenty and 45/100ths Dollars (\$181,320.45) from the United States Department of Health and
20 Human Services (HHS) for Emergency Medical Services (the HHS CV-1 Funds); and

1 **WHEREAS**, the City anticipates receipt of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred
2 Nineteen and 62/100ths Dollars (\$122,519.62) from HHS for Emergency Medical Services (the
3 HHS CV-2 Funds).

4 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

5 **SECTION ONE.** The City is hereby authorized to accept the ESG-CV-2 Funds, the Election CV
6 Funds, the HHS CV-1 Funds, and the HHS-CV-2 Funds (collectively, the Supplemental COVID
7 Funds). The City shall utilize and spend the Supplemental COVID Funds for certain purposes
8 substantially in accordance with **Exhibit A**, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by
9 reference.

10 **SECTION TWO.** There are hereby appropriated Four Million Three Hundred Ninety-One
11 Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$4,391,329) of the ESG-CV-2 Funds to the
12 Department of Health and Human Services. The Director of the Department of Health and Human
13 Services is hereby authorized to make, negotiate, and execute any and all contracts or other
14 documents on behalf of the City to expend such funds and to expend such funds on behalf of the
15 City to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic among individuals and
16 families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance, and to support additional homeless
17 assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. The
18 Comptroller is authorized and directed to issue warrants upon the City Treasury for payment for
19 expenditures authorized under this Section.

20 **SECTION THREE.** There are further appropriated One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars
21 (\$150,000) of the Election CV Funds to the St. Louis City Board of Election Commissioners, and

1 the St. Louis City Board of Election Commissioners is hereby authorized to make, negotiate, and
2 execute any and all contracts or other documents on behalf of the City to expend such funds and
3 to expend such funds on behalf of the City to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus for
4 the August 2020 primary election and the November 2020 general election. The Comptroller is
5 authorized and directed to issue warrants upon the City Treasury for payment of such expenditures.

6 **SECTION FOUR.** There are further appropriated One Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Three
7 Hundred Twenty and 45/100ths Dollars (\$181,320.45) of the HHS CV-1 Funds to the Department
8 of Public Safety Division of Emergency Medical Services. The Director of the Department of
9 Public Safety is hereby authorized to make, negotiate, and execute any and all contracts or other
10 documents on behalf of the City which are necessary to expend such funds and to expend such
11 funds for the purposes allowed by HHS for the HHS CV-1 Funds, and the Comptroller is
12 authorized and directed to issue warrants upon the City Treasury for payment thereon.

13 **SECTION FIVE.** There are further appropriated One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Five
14 Hundred Nineteen and 62/100ths Dollars (\$122,519.62) in HHS-CV-2 Funds to the Department
15 of Public Safety Division of Emergency Medical Services. The Director of the Department of
16 Public Safety is hereby authorized to make, negotiate, and execute any and all contracts or other
17 documents on behalf of the City which are necessary to expend such funds and to expend such
18 funds for the purposes allowed by HHS for the HHS CV-2 Funds, and the Comptroller is
19 authorized and directed to issue warrants upon the City Treasury for payment thereon.

20 **SECTION SIX.** In order to ensure the efficiency, effectiveness, equity, and transparency of the
21 use of taxpayer funds and relief programs to address the coronavirus pandemic, on or before the
22 10th of each month after this bill passes, and ending in April 2021, the Mayor's office shall present

1 to the Board of Aldermen’s Coronavirus Special Committee and provide a written report regarding
2 planned expenditures and detailing expenditures made to date. The plan should detail how data
3 will help make inform decisions and are in line with health equity principles addressing COVID-
4 19, including but not limited to: collecting, analyzing, and reporting data disaggregated by age,
5 race, ethnicity, gender, disability, neighborhood, and other sociodemographic characteristics;
6 including the people most affected by health and economic challenges in the decision making
7 process; promoting racial equity in response and recovery efforts; and strengthening public health,
8 health care, and social infrastructure that foster resilience. Reports should update plans and
9 procedures for redirecting and targeting resources based on emerging data trends that identify
10 disparities.

11 **SECTION SEVEN.** Emergency Clause. This being an ordinance appropriated for emergency
12 funding for current expenses of the City government, it is hereby declared to be an emergency
13 measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St.
14 Louis and shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Exhibit A
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Local Election Authorities COVID-19 Grant Program: \$150,000

Assist the St. Louis City Board of Elections with expenses in adapting election processes in response to COVID-19.

EMS CARES Act: \$122,519.62

From the United States Department of Health and Human Services to provide Emergency Medical Services.

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ESG-CV 2 Plan for Funds, Round 2: \$4,391,329

Allocation:

Administration, \$140,329

Cost associated with managing, monitoring, and implanting ESG-CV 2 programs for the Department of Human Services.

HMIS, \$51,000

Designed to fund ESG recipients' and subrecipients' participation in the HMIS collection and analyses of data on individuals and families who are homeless and at-risk of homelessness.

Street Outreach Services, \$500,000

Essential Services related to reaching out to unsheltered homeless individuals and families, connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services, and providing them with urgent, non-facility-based care to unsheltered homeless people who are unwilling or unable to access emergency shelter, housing or other appropriate health facility

Emergency Shelter Services, \$2,000,000

Covers the costs of providing essential services to homeless individuals and families in emergency shelters, renovating buildings to be used as emergency shelter for homeless individuals and families and for the operations of emergency shelters.

Rapid Rehousing, \$800,000

Housing relocation and stabilization services and/or short-and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to help individuals or families living in shelters or in places not meant for human habitation move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.

Prevention, \$900,000

Activities designed to move homeless people quickly to permanent housing through housing relocation and stabilization services and short- and medium-term rental assistance.