



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
December 14, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Abraham Roman, Fire Chief, Fire Department
Subject: Revenue: FY2022 Federal COVID-19 Funding from HHS CARES Act
Provider Relief Fund

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to accept payments from the Health and Human Services (HHS) CARES Act Provider Relief Fund and to execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments to conduct and implement mitigation strategies in response to COVID-19 in the estimated amount of \$80,000 for FY 2022.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley has applied for funds from the HHS CARES Act Provider Relief Fund. Once the payment has been received, it will be deposited into the One-Time Grants fund for the Fire Department.

The amount of the allocation may be up to 2% of patient care revenue reported in FY19. The Fire Department generated \$4,424,808 in revenue from Ambulance Services in FY19. No match is required and the total payment is expected to be approximately \$80,000 for fiscal year 2022. If awarded, the allocation will be added into the FY2022 Budget through the Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City of Berkeley receives funding from many sources annually to conduct efforts towards improving the health and safety of the community. As a local health jurisdiction, the City is entitled to specific Federal and State funding to meet core public health objectives.

If awarded, these funds would enhance the Berkeley Fire Department's diligent work to provide a resilient, safe, connected, and educated workforce. These funds would be utilized to provide PPE and equipment to City staff to help control the spread of COVID, cover City staff time spent on COVID work and any other additional COVID-19 related expenses.

BACKGROUND

Through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the Provider Relief Fund supports healthcare providers in the battle against the COVID-19 pandemic. Qualified providers of health care, services, and support may receive Provider Relief Fund payments for healthcare-related expenses or lost revenue due to COVID-19. To be eligible, a provider must have billed Medicare fee-for-service in 2019, be a known Medicaid and CHIP or dental provider and provide or provided after January 31, 2020 diagnoses, testing, or care for individuals with possible or actual cases of COVID-19, or prevented in the spread of COVID-19. HHS broadly views every patient as a possible case of COVID-19. The term "healthcare related expenses attributable to coronavirus" is a broad term that may cover a range of items and services purchased to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

These funds would support the health and safety of City staff and Berkeley residents. These non-competitive grants provide the City with funding to continue emergency response efforts that protect the health and safety of the community and City staff.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

This funding is essential for the Fire Department. The alternative action of not seeking this funding source would result in a reduction in other City resources and essential services to the community and staff.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution: FY2022 CARES Act Provider Relief Fund

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

REVENUE: FY2022 FEDERAL COVID-19 FUNDING FROM HHS CARES ACT
PROVIDER RELIEF FUND

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley's Fire Department is committed to promoting and protecting the health and safety of the public and the environment by supporting the City's greatest Public Health response needs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley's Fire Department is committed to the life, health and safety of the community and City staff; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley should seek outside funding wherever possible to fund vital emergency response services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept payments from the Health and Human Services (HHS) CARES Act Provider Relief Fund and to execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments to conduct and implement mitigation strategies in response to COVID-19 for estimated amount of 80,000 for fiscal year 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED that the funds will be appropriated as part of the FY2022 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.