Coronavirus Relief Fund Proposed Strategic Plan Version 2

City of Phoenix Policy Meeting May 5, 2020



Coronavirus Relief Fund allocation to States, Counties & Cities over 500,000 in population: \$150 billion City of Phoenix allocation: \$293 million



Agenda

- 1. Overview of Federal Guidance and suggested guiding principles
- 2. Proposed Allocations
- 3. Testing
- 4. Utility Assistance
- 5. Business Assistance



Guiding Principles

- 1. Respond to COVID-19 impacts
- 2. Prepare for audit by the federal Office of Inspector General
- 3. Allocate to one-time uses
- 4. Use existing processes and leverage other funds where possible
- 5. Preserve City services and City employees who provide them
- 6. Reduce the economic burden on residents and businesses
- 7. Identify opportunities for ongoing improvements for a post-COVID-19 economy



Federal Guidance on Use of Funds

- Allowable Usage of Funds:
 - Costs are only covered if incurred for necessary expenditures related to COVID-19
 - Costs not accounted for in current approved budgets
 - Costs incurred between March 1 and December 30, 2020
 - Federal guidance being updated daily











Proposed Strategic Plan & Allocation

Community Investment	\$75 M	City Operations	\$75 M	Reserve to Preserve Vital Services	\$143 M
Business Assistance	\$10 M	Employee Testing	\$6 M	Future Needs	
Utility Assistance	\$22 M			Estimated Revenue Loss	

Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Reserve Through Dec. 30, 2020

Why Create a Reserve?

- Any change in Federal Guidance on use for revenue replacement
- Potentially offset programmatic cuts to community programs
- Potential expenses from recurrence of COVID
- Available for re-assignment by the City Council to other COVID needs



Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Reserve Through Dec. 30, 2020

Estimated Revenue Loss*

General Fund Sales Tax State Shared Revenue, User Fee

- Other Tax Public Safety, Parks, Transit, Sports Facility Fund, Convention Center
- **Total Estimated Revenue Loss**

*Reflects range of revenue loss over the next 9 months







\$48 M – \$100 M

\$54 M – \$98 M

\$102 M – \$198 M

Source: Budget & Research





Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Reserve Through June 30, 2021

U of A Model Compared to Proposed Budget*

Optimistic Projection\$85 MBaseline Projection\$135 MPessimistic Projection\$275 MAverage Estimated Revenue Loss\$164 M

*16 month GF revenue loss based on data from University of Arizona









Source: Budget & Research



Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Reserve

How Much to Set Aside?

Pessimistic GF Deficit	\$128 M
U of A Average Revenue Loss	\$164 M
Midpoint	\$146 M



Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Reserve Through Dec. 30, 2020

Recommend \$143 Million Reserve

- Reserve could allow us to preserve vital community programs by offsetting reductions in:
 - Parks
 - Library
 - Public Safety
- Available for City Council to address other COVID-related needs later in the year



Proposed Strategic Plan & Allocation

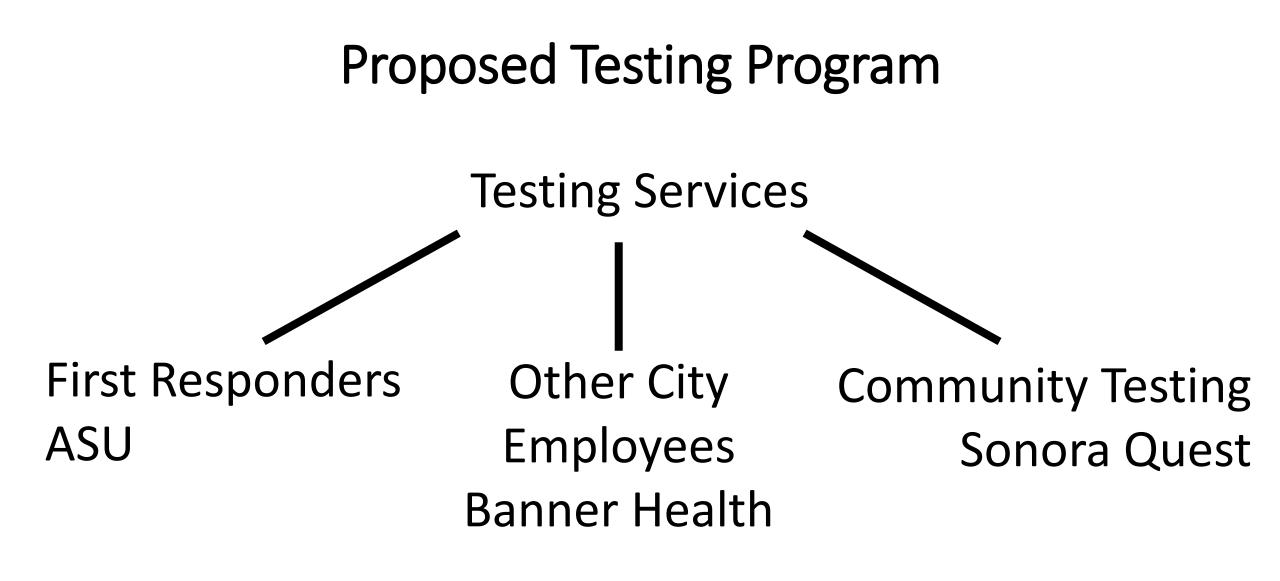
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Food Delivery			
Better Health Outcomes and Community Testing			

Proposed Testing Program



Milton Dohoney Assistant City Manager







Proposed Testing Program







Indian School Road











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Food Delivery	Facility Retrofit	\$10 M	
Better Health Outcomes and	Telework/ E-Government	\$15 M	

Community Testing

COVID-19 Utility Assistance Program











Agenda

- Community Partnership
- Residential Program
 - Program Design
 - Program Eligibility
 - Outreach
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- Program Cost



Community Partnership

- Established in 1967 to End Poverty in Arizona
- Advocate for Fair Practices Wildfife
- Collaborate on Policy Issues

Support Community Action Initiatives









to End Poverty in Arizona



Wildfire's Utility Assistance Partnership

- Works with all Arizona utility companies to administer electric and gas bill assistance programs to eligible low-income Arizonans
- Contracts with 30+ community and faith based organizations statewide to conduct assistance appointments
 - 9 partners within City of Phoenix (including City of Phoenix Human Services Department)
- Provides database access to all partners to complete eligibility determinations and track applications
- In FY 2020 distributed \$4.5 million in assistance to partner organizations



Eligible Services - Residential

















Utility Monthly Payment

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Rent/Mortgage One-time Payment - Residential



\$**1,100**



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Program Design - Residential

Recommended by Staff

Customers Served	City Services	All Utilities	Rent/Mortgage + City Services	Rent/Mortgage + All Utilities
10,000	\$3,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$14,000,000	\$20,000,000
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City Services = Water, Sewer and Trash

All Other Utilities = Power & Gas



Eligibility Determination - Residential

• COVID-19 Hardship

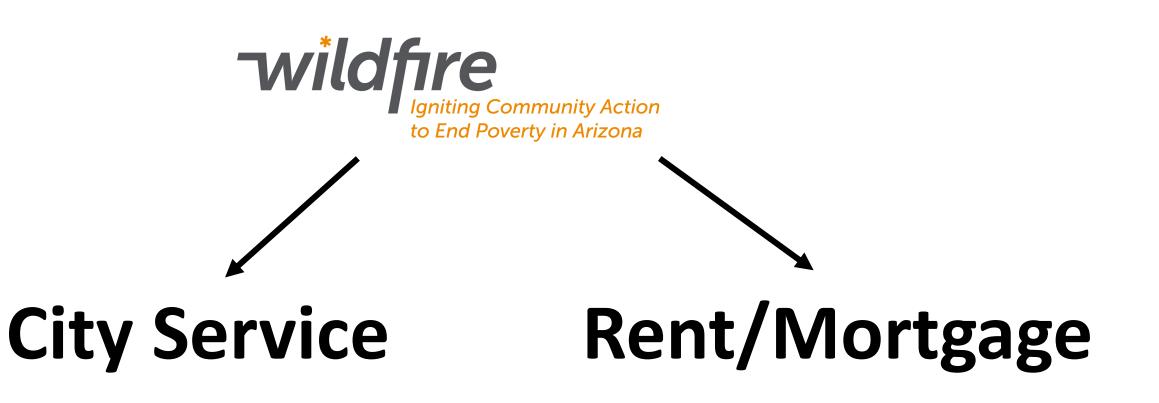
• City of Phoenix Resident

Federal/State Required Proof of Citizenship

Verify Identity of Applicant



Payment Process - Residential





Outreach - Residential

<u>Step 1</u>

Engage customers currently enrolled in the Water Service Department Payment Deferral Program

Step 2

Reach out to other delinquent, non-enrolled, customers

Step 3

Advertise program to general public



Eligible Services - Commercial

City of Phoenix Utility





\$5,000,000











Determination of Eligibility - Commercial

- COVID-19 Hardship
- City of Phoenix Business
- Federal/State Required Proof of Citizenship W-9 Form
- Verify Identity of Applicant



Outreach - Commercial

Step 1

Engage City-surveyed businesses which indicate need of utility assistance

<u>Step 2</u> Reach out to general business community



Program Cost Eligible Households 10,000

Commercial Assistance		\$ 5,000,000
Program Administration	20% of Program	\$ 3,800,000
Total Cost		\$22,800,000



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Unallocated Funds	\$22 M		

Small Business Relief

Christine Mackay Community and Economic Development CITY OF PHOENIX

Community and Economic Development Department

Phoenix Small Business Grant Relief Programs



Phoenix Small Business Relief Grant – Phase II

Companies with less than 25 Employees

\$5 million in grant funding

- Up to \$10,000 per qualified business
- Qualified census tracts
- Small businesses with 25 or less employees
- No more than \$3 million in taxable receipts
- Physical establishment, including mobile vendors
- Loss of income due to COVID-19

Phoenix Micro Businesses and Sole Proprietors

Companies with less than 5 Employees

\$1 million in grant funding

- Up to \$5,000 per qualified business
- Micro businesses with 5 or less employees
- Sole Proprietors
- No more than \$1 million in taxable receipts
- Physical establishment, including mobile vendors
- Anywhere in Phoenix
- Loss of income due to COVID-19

Complement NSD \$2 million Micro Business program in Qualified Census Tracts

Phoenix Restaurant Restart Assistance

\$1 million in grant funding

- Restaurants shuttered quickly
- Some continued takeout after clarification
- Many have not reopened
- Back to operations
- Up to \$10,000 for each qualified restaurant for restart

Aviation Small Business Assistance

\$1 million in grant funding, based on number of employees Pre-COVID

- Small businesses with 50 or less employees
- No more than \$6.5 million in taxable receipts
- Physical establishment(s) at Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport
- Loss of income due to COVID-19

In addition...

Aviation Small Business Assistance

Staff also recommends including

- Small business with up to 150 employees if the business runs multiple locations or venues
- No more than \$15 million in taxable receipts if the business runs multiple locations or venues

Small Business Expertise / Guidelines

\$100,000 Guidelines & Expertise

Expertise to provide guidance on COVID-19 related issues

- Facilities
- Legal
- Staffing related
- Safety
- Licensing

Creation of guidelines "How to manual"

- Posted on City's Website
- Provided to business organizations
- Provided to businesses
- Fluid document with ability to keep current and effective

Next Steps

- Modifications to Arizona Community Foundation application and Website
- Partner on outreach
 - City Council
 - Traditional & social media
 - Small / Micro business organizations
 - Community organizations
 - International business organizations
 - Direct calls from City team

Small Business Relief Programs

Companies with less than 25 Employees

- Move quickly businesses are suffering
- Review grant program in real time and fund qualified applications as they come in
- Continue to be fluid and flexible based on business needs

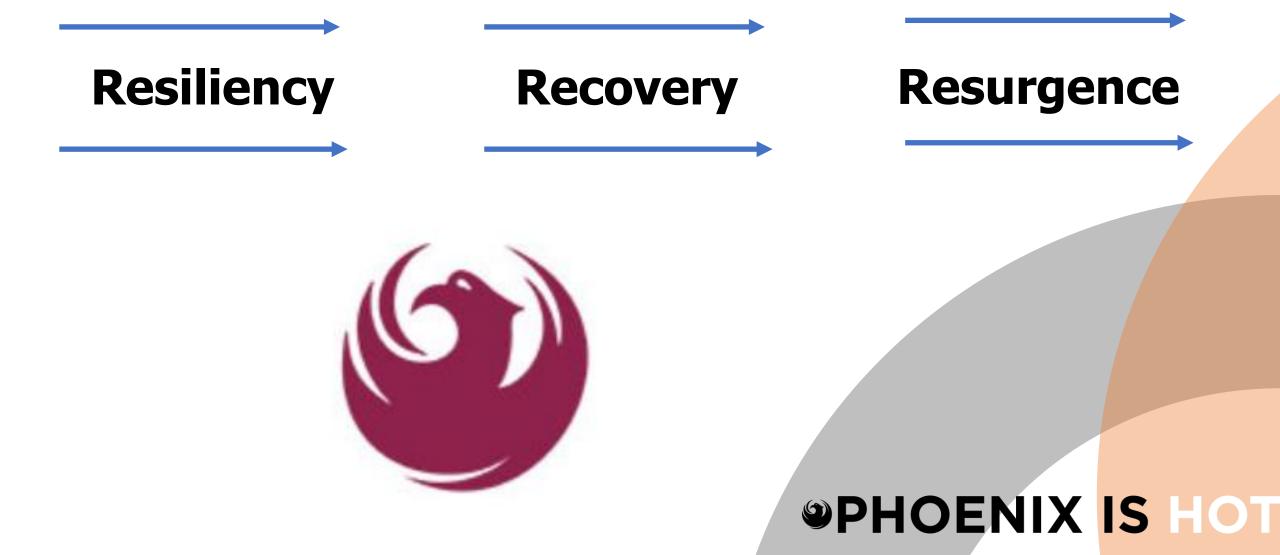
Phoenix Small Business Grant Relief Programs

Small Business Assistance Round II \$5,000,000	Micro Business & Sole Proprietor \$1,000,000	Sky Harbor Small Business \$1,000,000
Restaurant Restart \$1,000,000	COVID Guidelines for Business \$100,000	Arts & Culture \$2,000,000

Small Business Total: \$8.1 million

Economic Development Recovery

The greatest danger in turbulent times is to act with yesterday's logic



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