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# City Issues Notice of Funding Availability for COVID-19 Response & Recovery Programs

**EL PASO, Texas** – The City of El Paso’s Community and Human Development and Economic Development Departments are now accepting applications from non-profit agencies and government entities for the CARES Treasury Relief Funds and Entitlement Grants.

**Applications are due at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 5, 2020.**

The City received CARES funds for coronavirus response and recovery programs, which include \$16,277,672 for Community Programs and \$18,505,000 for Economic Programs.

The CARES Treasury Relief Funds and Entitlement Grants provide federal funding to support locally driven strategies that address community development needs for struggling community members, households, and businesses as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis.

City leaders and stakeholders, such as service providers, foundations and granting agencies, local businesses, and university officials have come together to create and implement a plan to address the challenges the community is facing as a result of the pandemic.

The CARES funds will focus on the following three goals:

- **Housing and Basic Needs**
  - Provide rental and mortgage assistance, utility help, and rapid rehousing to stabilize the housing situations of residents
  - Promote long-term ability of residents to achieve their housing goals
  - Ensure those impacted by COVID-19 have access to basic needs, such as food, childcare, and domestic violence and abuse prevention that are vital to one’s health and wellbeing
- **Livelihood and Employment**
  - Deliver financial support to small businesses, microenterprise, and independent contractors who are struggling to meet financial obligations as a result of the pandemic
- **Fostering Economic Prosperity**
  - Deliver financial and technical support to the local business community with a focus on small businesses, including microenterprises and independent contractors, to improve business liquidity and cash flow in the short-term, while also stimulating demand and consumer spending and supporting measures to re-start and continue operations.

For information, please click on the “Guidance” tab at [www.epstrong.org/](http://www.epstrong.org/).

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