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Executive Order Office of the Mayor City of Atlanta

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2020-BY THE MAYOR

ORDERING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO ADD TO **ANTICIPATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2020** BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY-EIGHT MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND ELEVEN **DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS (\$88,434,611.30) AWARDED TO THE CITY** PURSUANT TO THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT ("CARES ACT"); ORDERING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR UP TO **EIGHTY-EIGHT MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND** SIX HUNDRED AND ELEVEN DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS (\$88,434,611,30) THE TOTAL OF WHICH SHALL BE UTILIZED TO COVER COSTS THAT ARE NECESSARY EXPENDITURES INCURRED DUE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19), THAT WERE NOT ACCOUNTED FOR IN THE BUDGET MOST RECENTLY APPROVED AS OF MARCH 27, 2020 (THE DATE OF ENACTMENT OF THE CARES ACT), AND THAT WERE INCURRED DURING THE PERIOD THAT BEGINS ON MARCH 1, 2020 AND ENDS ON DECEMBER 30, 2020, AND WHICH MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO ASSIST WITH ANY OF THESE EFFORTS WITHOUT SPECIFIC LIMITATION; AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, like much of the world the United States, the State of Georgia, and the City of Atlanta are currently responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named "SARS-CoV-2" and the disease it causes named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States announced a national emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which included two emergency declarations: one under the National Emergencies Act and one under the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020 Governor Brian Kemp signed a public health state of emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic through assisting health and emergency management officials across Georgia by deploying all available resources for the mitigation and treatment of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, I declared there to be an emergency in existence within the City of Atlanta pursuant to Section 2-181(a) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances; and

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WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the United States Senate unanimously passed (96-0) the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act"); and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act provides stimulus to individuals, businesses, and hospitals in response to the economic distress caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the House of Representatives passed the CARES Act by voice vote, and the President signed the bill into law that same day; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act established the Coronavirus Relief Fund and appropriated \$150 billion to the Fund; and

WHEREAS, under the CARES Act, the Fund is to be used to make payments for specified uses to States and certain local governments; the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories (consisting of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands); and Tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2020, the City of Atlanta received \$88,434,611.30 in Coronavirus Relief Funds; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act provides that payments from the Fund may only be used to cover costs that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19), were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State or government, and were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in order to develop an allocation recommendation, I established a COVID-19 Compliance and Cost Recovery Coordination Group which I tasked with ensuring effective policies, procedures, and frameworks are in place for the expenditure and cost recovery of COVID-19 funding; and

WHEREAS, a relief fund committee was formed within the Coordination Group, and was tasked with developing a framework for eligible uses of the funds and an allocation recommendation; and

WHEREAS, during the weeks of May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the committee met to discuss the framework and identify leads for each subcategory, gathered information on the funding need and planned deployment methods, made funding recommendations, and reviewed the allocation recommendations; and

WHEREAS, based upon the information gathered from the committee and staff leads, certain allocation recommendations were provided for consideration a detailed description of which is contained in the Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) Allocation Recommendation, attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-182 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, I may issue an executive order which applies to events of short duration and which expires at the next meeting of the Atlanta City Council subsequent thereof unless ratified by a majority vote of the members present and voting; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, in recognition of the emergent need to immediately accept and begin utilization of the CRF funds awarded to the City due to the declared state of emergency by the federal, state, and City of Atlanta governments, I am hereby directing the Chief Financial Officer to add the \$88,434,611.30 in CRF to Anticipations and Appropriations in the Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) budget; and

WHEREAS, additionally, I am hereby directing the Chief Financial Officer to transfer appropriations to provide for up to \$88,434,611.30 in CRF, the total of which shall be utilized to cover costs that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19), that were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020, and that were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020, and which may be transferred to assist with any such efforts without specific limitation.

## NOW THEREFORE, I, KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, HEREBY AUTHORIZE, ORDER AND DIRECT AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1**: The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to add to anticipations and appropriations in the fiscal year 2020 (FY20) Budget in the amount of eighty-eight million four hundred thirty four thousand six hundred and eleven dollars and thirty cents (\$88,434,611.30) which was awarded to the City pursuant to the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act* ("CARES Act").

**SECTION 2**: The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to transfer appropriations to provide for up to \$88,434,611.30, the total of which shall be utilized to cover costs that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19), that were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020, and that were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020, and which may be transferred to assist with any such efforts without specific limitation.

This Z day of May 2020.

Keisha Lance Bottoms, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Municipal Clerk Foris Webb, III **Municipal Clerk** 

Category and Subcategory	Allocation Recommendation
Actions to Facilitate Compliance with COVID-19-Related Public Health Measures	\$15,500,000
Expenses for care for homeless populations provided to mitigate COVID-19 effects and enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.	\$7,000,000
Expenses to improve telework capabilities for public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.	\$3,750,000
Expenses for food delivery to residents, including, for example, senior citizens and other vulnerable populations, to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.	\$2,500,000
Expenses to facilitate distance learning, including technological improvements, in connection with school closings to enable compliance with COVID-19 precautions.	\$1,500,000
Cost related to compliance with public health measures / protocols within public facilities	\$500,000
Expenses of providing paid sick and paid family and medical leave to public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.	\$250,000
Medical Expenses	\$20,000,000
COVID-19-related expenses of public hospitals, clinics, and similar facilities.	\$10,000,000
Costs of providing COVID-19 testing, including serological testing, and tracing.	\$10,000,000
Payroll Expenses	\$15,000,000
Payroll expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.	\$15,000,000
Provision of Economic Support	\$33,434,611.30
Expenditures related to consumer grant program to prevent eviction and assist in preventing homelessness	\$16,934,611.30
Expenditures related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures.	\$16,000,000
Unemployment insurance costs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency if such costs will not be reimbursed by the federal government pursuant to the CARES Act or otherwise.	\$500,000
Public Health Expenses	\$4,500,000
Expenses for acquisition and distribution of medical and protective supplies, including sanitizing products and personal protective equipment, for medical personnel, police officers, social workers, child protection services, and child welfare officers, direct service providers for older adults and individuals with disabilities in	\$3,000,000

Exhibit A: Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) Allocation Recommendation

community settings, and other public health or safety workers in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency.	
Expenses for communication and enforcement by State, territorial, local, and Tribal governments of public health orders related to COVID-19.	\$1,000,000
Expenses for technical assistance to local authorities or other entities on mitigation of COVID-19-related threats to public health and safety.	\$300,000
Expenses for disinfection of public areas and other facilities, e.g., nursing homes, in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.	\$200,000
Grand Total	\$88,434,611.30