

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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To: Nury Martinez, Council President
City Council

Paul Krekorian, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer
Office of the City Administrative Officer



Subject: **COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACCOUNT – GENERAL CITY PURPOSES FUND STATUS REPORT – WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 2021**

On March 17, 2020, Council adopted a Motion (C.F. 20-0147-S46) to transfer \$20.0 million from the Reserve Fund to the General City Purposes Fund under a new account entitled “COVID-19 Emergency Response” in order to provide City Departments additional resources to address and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. In accordance with the Motion, the City Administrative Officer is authorized to spend these requested funds at the direction of the Mayor and provide reports to the City Council on expenses incurred and purposes for which the funds were authorized.

On April 7, 2020, in order to continue citywide efforts to address COVID-19, an additional appropriation of \$50.0 million was provided from the Building and Safety Building Permit Enterprise Fund to the COVID-19 Emergency Response account, increasing the overall appropriation to \$70.0 million. The transfer was effectuated under Mayoral authority in accordance with Los Angeles City Charter Section 231(i) and Los Angeles Administrative Code Sections 8.29 and 8.30, and subsequently approved by Council on April 29, 2020 (C.F. 20-0501).

On April 30, 2020, an additional \$75.0 million was transferred to the COVID-19 Emergency Response account from the Building and Safety Building Permit Enterprise Fund to fund ongoing COVID-19 response needs, thereby increasing the total appropriation to \$145.0 million. The transfer was effectuated under Mayoral authority and subsequently approved by Council on May 5, 2020 (C.F. 20-0530). In accordance with Council action, \$25.0 million of the \$75.0 million transfer will be dedicated to enhancements to the Senior Meals Delivery Program. As of September 10, 2020, the funding dedicated to the Senior Meals Program has been fully approved for expenditure.

On July 17, 2020, the Board of Public Works approved a transfer of \$75.0 million from the Public Works Trust Fund to the COVID-19 Emergency Response account, as authorized by the Mayor, to meet the City’s ongoing COVID-19 expenditures (C.F. 20-0147-S53).

To continue response efforts, the 2021-22 Adopted Budget includes additional funding in the amount of \$40.0 million, of which \$15.0 million is available in the COVID-19 Emergency Response account and \$25.0 million is available in the Unappropriated Balance. It should be noted that the Weekly Status Reports are now filed under Council File 21-0874. Prior reports can be found under Council File 20-0147-S46.

During the Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget deliberations, Council instructed the City Administrative Officer report back to the Budget and Finance Committee on how Council could take a more proactive role in decision-making in the City’s response to the pandemic (C.F. 21-0600-S2). This Office is currently researching this directive and will be reporting back to Council with an analysis and recommendations in a forthcoming report.

The table below provides a summary of authorized funding from the COVID-19 Emergency Response account for the week ending August 27, 2021.

Requesting Department	Purpose	Approval Date	Amount
General Citywide Response			
Fire	Various testing and vaccination site costs through August 2021 (portable restrooms and hand-washing stations, power supplies, refrigerators, and security services)	8/27/21	\$ 153,559
Total Approved (Week Ending August 27, 2021)			\$ 153,559
Previous Transfers (March 31, 2020 – August 20, 2021)			\$ 230,572,504
Total Funding Approved			\$ 230,726,063
Total Account Funding¹			\$ 235,000,000
Less: Total Funding Approved			\$ (230,726,063)
Remaining Account Balance			\$ 4,273,937
Available Unappropriated Balance Funding²			\$ 25,000,000
Total Available Funding³			\$ 29,273,937

¹ Includes prior year funding of \$220,000,000 and additional funding of \$15,000,000 provided in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Adopted Budget.

² Requires Council authorization for expenditure

³ Includes available funding in General City Purposes and the Unappropriated Balance

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