

COUNCIL MINUTES

May 21, 2020

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Study Session Meeting via a virtual format streamed into the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, on May 21, 2020 at 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

John Giles*
Mark Freeman*
Jennifer Duff*
Francisco Heredia*
David Luna*
Kevin Thompson*
Jeremy Whittaker*

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Dee Ann Mickelsen
Jim Smith

(*Council participated in the meeting through the use of video conference equipment.)

Mayor Giles conducted a roll call.

1-a. Hear a presentation, discuss, and provide direction on a future Transportation Capital Improvement Bond Program, including transportation projects eligible for Proposition 400 funding.

Transportation Department Director RJ Zeder introduced Deputy Transportation Director Erik Guderian, who displayed a PowerPoint Presentation. **(See Attachment 1)**

Mr. Zeder highlighted three options for a 2020 Transportation Bond ballot question, the impact on the typical homeowner, and the number of projects eligible for regional funding. He commented under Proposition 400 there are three major categories of funding: Freeway Lifecycle Program, Transit Lifecycle Program, and the Arterial Lifecycle Program (ALCP). He provided an overview of the various projects that can be funded for the \$100 million, \$150 million, and \$200 million bond size options, and the number of projects that would be eligible for some level of regional reimbursement. (See Page 2 of Attachment 1)

Mr. Zeder explained within each of the funding options, the projects are grouped by priority and each includes a footnote showing regional reimbursement eligibility. He added the list includes a mix of corridor projects and intersection projects. He stated the projects on the \$150 million list are in addition to the projects on the \$100 million list, and the projects on the \$200 million list are in addition to the projects on the \$100 million and \$150 million list. (See Pages 3 through 5 of Attachment 1)

Mr. Zeder commented if Council chooses to defer the bond election from this year to 2022, the Interim Transportation Plan shows what projects can be funded with existing resources. (See Page 6 of Attachment 1)

Mr. Zeder discussed the highest priority project, which is Signal Butte Road from Williams Field to Germann. He explained the second section of the Signal Butte project is Pecos to Germann, which is covered by an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Town of Queen Creek, where they would advance the funding for this section of roadway and the City would have over 10 years to reimburse Queen Creek if the project moves forward. He remarked if there are sufficient funds between what is left from the 2013 Bonds and the Transportation Fund, where reimbursement of dollars from other projects are placed, then the City can use that money to fund other projects.

Mr. Zeder commented on the conversion of the streetlight system to LED, and that Broadway Road from Mesa Drive to Stapley is currently in design. He stated the Southern Avenue and Country Club intersection is in poor condition, needs utility work, and needs to be rebuilt. He pointed out design funding for potential 2022 bond projects are estimated at a cost of \$6 million and would allow staff to begin design work on certain roadway projects so when additional transportation capital becomes available, construction can move forward. (See Page 6 of Attachment 1)

City Manager Christopher Brady remarked the funds are available to complete the Interim Transportation Plan because of dollars that have been reimbursed from other projects.

In response to a question from Councilmember Luna regarding the extension of Proposition 400 funds, Mr. Brady commented he believes the intent is to have a future ballot question and extend the current sales tax that is expiring in 2025.

Councilmember Thompson expressed concern with waiting until 2022 to ask the voters for approval, which would mean it would be 2023 before design work could begin, 2023-24 for procurement, 2025 to begin construction, which would not be complete until 2026-27. He stated he cannot see Mesa residents waiting on these projects to get traffic moving in and out of neighborhoods. He added he prefers to let citizens decide if they want to impose a secondary property tax on themselves.

Mr. Brady explained the Interim Transportation Plan has three projects; Signal Butte: Williams Field to Pecos, Signal Butte: Pecos to Germann, and Broadway Rd: Mesa to Stapley Drive, currently in design and staff is proposing to continue with design of all projects so if bonds are approved in 2022, they are ready to go to bid.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Freeman, Deputy Budget Director Scott Buter stated the last street bond package was approved by voters in 2013 for \$110 million.

In response to additional questions from Vice Mayor Freeman related to priority projects, Mr. Zeder remarked feedback received from the Mesa Moves campaign indicated a desire for additional bicycle and pedestrian paths and connections, and shared use paths are components of those modes. He added it is ultimately a Council decision from a funding standpoint.

Vice Mayor Freeman commented that he likes the interim component which will help to maintain momentum and would like to see a bond package prepared to take to the voters and let them decide what happens in their community.

In response to a question from Councilmember Luna related to whether there is sufficient time to get a question on the ballot, Mr. Brady remarked if this is a priority of Council, staff will make it happen. He stated if this moves forward with a funding recommendation, Transportation staff will

go through a matrix based on feedback from the community and prioritize the list in coordination with Engineering.

Councilmember Luna suggested the safer route is to delay this until the 2022 election.

In response to a question from Councilmember Duff regarding the Interim Transportation Plan, Mr. Brady explained these are projects with balances in the Transportation Fund and can be accommodated since the design work is already funded for one of the Signal Butte projects and Queen Creek is funding the other one. He added the funding to deliver these projects is available without additional authorization.

In response to an additional question from Councilmember Duff related to whether City employees or contractors are used for these projects, Mr. Guderian stated all Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) utilize consultants for the design phase and private contractors to build the project. He indicated City Engineering staff manages and inspects the project; however, major design and construction is contracted out.

Mayor Giles inquired if Council does not move forward at this time, what will be the impact if the City is unable to leverage Proposition 400 funds? He commented even if the bonds are authorized, Council would take the economy into consideration and would proceed accordingly.

Mr. Brady explained most of the projects on the list would have to go through a design phase and the program will take four to five years. He stated the interim program is just a bridge to keep projects going.

Mayor Giles remarked that the growth in the City, traffic congestion, and deterioration of intersections is real; and while the City is in the midst of an economic crisis, his preference is to proceed with the \$100 million bond package. He added if the economic situation gets worse, Council will not be tone deaf to the situation and will not ask for money when people do not have it to give.

In response to a question from Councilmember Whittaker related to losing the ALCP reimbursement, Mr. Brady explained the City does not lose the money but will not receive the reimbursement until the project is completed.

Mr. Guderian clarified the City fronts the money through design and construction, is reimbursed quarterly, and can receive up to 70% of the cost. He added reimbursement comes back to the region from the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG).

In response to a question from Councilmember Whittaker regarding what impact the secondary property tax levy has on the General Fund, Mr. Brady explained there is no expense to the General Fund other than maintaining streets.

Mayor Giles made a motion to request that staff proceed with the \$100 million bond package.

Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion.

Councilmember Luna expressed concern with how quickly Council needs to act due to the pandemic and the message that sends the community. He agreed to move forward with the \$100 million bond package but would like to see what it includes.

Mr. Brady explained even if the bond package is approved by voters, projects can be deferred into the future if the economy worsens.

Vice Mayor Freeman stated the last Transportation Bonds were approved in 2013 and expressed his support for moving the \$100 million bond package forward to the voters.

In response to a question from Councilmember Heredia regarding bond authorizations, Mr. Brady explained each year staff comes to Council with a specific program because the authorization does not provide the funding but allows the City to go to market to sell bonds. He remarked each year there are a number of bonds sold out of that authorization that will be available to the City for the coming year. He commented after the bonds are sold, Council must approve each project and contract to build the project. He concluded by saying Council has multiple opportunities to affect the delivery of a project.

Mr. Brady provided information relative to the 2013 Transportation Bond package that was for \$79 million and had an estimated average annual impact to homeowners of \$26.40.

Councilmember Thompson highlighted a conversation with Tom Dunn, President of the Arizona Builders Alliance, who said he anticipates a slight dip; however, overall construction has not stopped.

In response to a question from Councilmember Whittaker, Mr. Zeder noted if Council is comfortable with the \$100 million bond package, that would provide almost \$50 million in regional reimbursements, which then gives the City the opportunity to take on more projects. He stated the higher the bond package amount, the higher the impact to the average homeowner. He commented that if other cities or agencies in the region are not able to move projects forward, the City can get reimbursement early, which is called the closeout process. He concluded by saying he is comfortable with \$100 million.

It was moved by Mayor Giles, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, that staff proceed with the \$100 million bond package.

AYES – Giles-Freeman-Duff-Heredia-Luna-Thompson-Whittaker
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

Mayor Giles thanked staff for the presentation.

1-b. Hear a presentation, discuss and provide direction on a proposed budget and related programs supported by the federal funds received under the CARES Act.

Mr. Brady outlined the guidance received from the Federal Government related to CARES Act funding and appropriate uses. He added that funds can only be used for expenditures incurred from March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020. **(See Attachment 2)**

Mr. Brady highlighted Mesa CARES outreach efforts which includes utilizing library staff and staff from closed facilities. He commented the outreach started with an assessment and survey, contacting hundreds of individuals to find out the impact of COVID. He stated this helped guide staff in recommending programs. (See Page 3 of Attachment 2)

Mr. Brady provided an overview of the Small Business Reemergence Program which consists of fielding calls regarding the program and calling applicants to ensure applications and documents are complete by the deadline.

Mr. Brady commented on the Food Distribution Program that has a \$10 million budget. He commended staff and community partners for the initiative in creating the programs, as well as the distribution to staff members at hospitals and care facilities. He stated there are 90 restaurants staff is working with every day to deliver meals. He concluded by saying the Mesa Convention Center has been converted into a food distribution center. (See Page 4 of Attachment 2)

Mr. Brady explained utilizing CARES dollars for Public Safety (PS) expenses is in alignment with what most large cities are doing with these funds. He remarked he has been in discussions with Phoenix and Tucson about how they are using eligible expenses to reimburse PS for responding to COVID emergencies. He reported the Federal Government allows PS payroll expenses as eligible expenses. He summarized by saying PS costs from March 2020 to December 2020 is a \$45-to-\$50 million reimbursement, which includes patrol officers and Fire and Medical response calls. He stated staff made the presumption that all PS payroll expenses would be eligible. (See Page 5 of Attachment 2)

Mr. Brady highlighted the Utility Assistance Supplement Program, which has been allocated \$1 million and will assist those who may be falling behind on utility bills. He stated this will also assist residents with natural gas and electric power needs. (See Page 6 of Attachment 2)

Mr. Brady discussed the Mitigation and Care for Homeless Population Program and said there has already been significant contacts and work by PD in this area. He commented working with unsheltered populations will continue through the summer, as will conversations regarding a permanent homeless facility by possibly converting a hotel into a shelter. (See Page 7 of Attachment 2)

Mr. Brady provided an overview of the Small Business Reemergence program that is currently under way and added it has been a huge success in terms of connecting with the smallest micro businesses. He stated that while \$20 million has been budgeted for this program, he does not believe the total expended will be more than \$7 million. (See Page 8 of Attachment 2)

Mr. Brady explained the Healthy Building Retrofit is a program to implement safety precautions and measures to ensure the health of Mesa staff and residents. He highlighted some of the measures such as procuring plexiglass barriers and physical improvements for high volume areas; hands-free improvements for doors and handles; and installation of a plasma air filtering system which can filter out viruses. He stated these improvements will be installed in major facilities to ensure the safety of employees. (See Page 9 of Attachment 2)

Mr. Brady highlighted the Business Continuity and Remote Access Program, stating as staff moved out of City facilities and started working from home there has been quite a bit of hardware investment. He added another critical issue is providing assistance to remote education learning for school districts and the funding the City received allows for those funds to be used in this area. (See Page 10 of Attachment 2)

Mr. Brady provided an update on the Employee Health and Wellness Programs and indicated there have been many inquiries from employees about COVID testing. He stated staff is working with the Wellness Center on testing and they are confident a program will be set up fairly soon to make it easy for employees to get tested, as well as for antibody testing for PS personnel. He

added the City has been fortunate that not a lot of employees have been on sick leave for exposure; however, if they had been exposed and impacted by COVID, their time off would be an eligible expense and covered by CARES funding. (See Page 11 of Attachment 2)

Mr. Brady commented the Community Health and Safety Program provides Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for staff outside PS, cleaning supplies, and costs to clean playground equipment. He added the costs for cleaning will be covered in the \$500,000 budgeted for this program. (See Page 12 of Attachment 2)

Mr. Brady recommended \$2.6 million be held as contingency and that staff would review with Council at the end of summer to determine the best use of those funds prior to the end of the year. (See Page 13 of Attachment 2)

Councilmember Luna stated the opinion that many of the school districts in and around Mesa have not been able to provide remote access learning to many Title 1 schools. He stated these schools were directly impacted by COVID; and while these children were receiving educational packets, that does not keep them up to pace on their education. He stressed having access to remote learning via computer and the internet is a better way to provide educational opportunities for students. He commented Title 1 schools have 40% of students that live under the poverty level and Mesa Public Schools (MPS) has many Title 1 schools, so we need to consider providing technology for these students. He said if the City partners with the school districts, the City can partner with internet providers to ensure service in homes. He recommends the City work with MPS, Gilbert Public Schools, and Mesa charter schools to provide the tools needed.

In response to a question from Councilmember Thompson related to cleaning products for City facilities, Mr. Brady commented when employees begin returning to the office, it will be a phased approach starting with smaller groups of employees. He stated that supplies are being identified and the warehouse is trying to make sure orders are being processed.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Freeman regarding whether the reimbursement for PS affects departments other than PS, Mr. Brady stated this is an ongoing problem and the \$50 million for PS reimbursement provides time and relieves some of the pressure in finding reductions in departments with filled positions at this time. He remarked that departments have been very helpful in finding positions that are currently vacant that will be held vacant through the end of the calendar year when the budget will be re-evaluated.

Discussion ensued relative to the air filtering systems that have been effective in the Fire dispatch area; that Facilities Maintenance has conducted research that indicates plasma filters mitigate viruses in the air; that it is one of the improvements that will help make healthy facilities and mitigate against airborne contamination; and that the first priority is facilities with large groups of employees in offices or cubicles for extended periods of time.

Councilmember Duff expressed her support of the permanent shelter for the homeless and commented it is a way to use CARES Act funding to create a positive and lasting effect, and stated the opinion that it is critical to make that acquisition.

Mayor Giles commented on the Food Distribution and Restaurant Buyout Program and that it is helping real people, as well as small businesses, with 90 participating restaurants.

Mayor Giles explained remote access learning is going to become the new normal in education and the City needs to recognize that to assist the public schools and charter schools. He stressed

the importance of having technology available for Mesa students to ensure they are not at a disadvantage.

Vice Mayor Freeman expressed concern related to the placement of a permanent shelter and stated when a permanent shelter is centralized with other social services the problem is extrapolated. He requested information on what contributions other cities are making to the homeless; and if they share our vouchers, how many Mesa supports for them utilizing Mesa shelters. He supports the idea of spreading permanent shelters throughout the community so that no one area carries the burden of continued issues.

Mayor Giles stated Mesa is doing more than its share for the homeless and it is not going to become the repository for the East Valley for all these services.

In response to a question from Councilmember Whittaker related to the \$50 million for PS, Mr. Brady explained the funds can be used for reimbursement for efforts that are ongoing from March 1 to December 30. He stated the difficulty is distinguishing between PS COVID responses versus other routine responses, and the recommendation is to presume all payroll costs are for public health and safety so all of them are eligible for reimbursement. He clarified this does not increase the PS budget but provides \$50 million in one-time dollars and reimburses the City for expenses. He said staff is communicating with Tucson and Phoenix to make sure these funds are being handled consistently.

Councilmember Whittaker expressed the opinion that while he appreciates what the City is doing to provide utility relief and food bank money to residents, he does not believe the federal funds should be used to supplant the City budget. He continued by saying he is concerned about the 15% unemployment rate, 8% of Americans are in mortgage forbearance, and home sales decreasing 18% in the last month. He expressed the opinion that Council should be allocating this \$90 million to stimulate the local economy and not transferring this stimulus money into the General Fund because the City cannot balance the budget.

Mr. Brady clarified this is a very specific intentional provision of the CARES Act funding, which is meant to assist cities in making it through these difficult times. He explained there has been a tremendous amount of conversation with the Treasury Department on this point and this is what almost all of the large cities are doing to help mitigate budgetary impacts.

Mayor Giles replied that he spoke to the mayor of a large city in Texas that is using CARES Act dollars in the same way at the recommendation of the Federal Government, stating that their City is using all of the CARES dollars to replace their City budget through the month of December. He explained that if cities like Mesa that are heavily dependent on sales tax and economic activity are not allowed to use these dollars for essential services, they would be forced to eliminate or curtail these services.

Councilmember Luna recalled a National League of Cities (NLC) board meeting that he attended with Councilmember Thompson that cited most cities across the US that have received federal CARES dollars are using the funds for PS to support efforts during the pandemic.

In response to a question from Councilmember Heredia related to using a portion of the funds for residential rental assistance, Mr. Brady commented that would be an eligible expense since Mesa CAN has received some funding for that type of program and residents are being referred there so they can tap into those resources. He stated the City has allocated a significant amount of

COVID Community Development Block Grant dollars to Save the Family to assist with residents that are behind on rent and mortgage payments.

In response to a question from Mayor Giles, Mr. Brady replied that originally the concern was about how the City would make payments directly to landlords and banks. He commented since non-profits have already been providing that service, the logical option was to continue having them do so and supplement additional dollars to provide those services. He stated staff will continue monitoring Save the Family and Mesa CAN about the demand for rental or mortgage assistance and will plan on having conversations about utilities and food.

Councilmember Duff expressed the opinion that she is not seeing the utilization of the Small Business Assistance Program and the demand is not what Council expected. She stated if the dollars are available, she would like to advocate for a more robust Technical Assistance Program because that goes to all businesses, whether they are non-profits or have received other assistance. She added everyone is dealing with a new economy and how to do business and those that can adapt and transition their business faster have a greater chance of being successful. She stressed more important than the money is how to conduct business differently and be successful. She remarked she would like to see a transition of some dollars to serve a wider net of businesses.

Mr. Brady replied by saying Assistant Economic Development Director Jaye O'Donnell and her team are working on a program to address this concern and will bring that to Council in the next couple of weeks because that is very critical to the survivability as businesses pivot. He stressed it will include both technical assistance and a very strong marketing program to let people know how they can come back into the market, regardless of the business type.

Mayor Giles declared there is a consensus of Council supporting the presentation, the allocations, and contingencies as recommended by staff. He thanked Mr. Brady for the presentation.

2. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of various boards and committees.

2-a. Judicial Advisory Board meeting held on April 29, 2020.

It was moved by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Luna, that receipt of the above-listed minutes be acknowledged.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Giles-Freeman-Duff-Heredia-Luna-Thompson-Whittaker
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

3. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

Mayor Giles –	Feeding Mesa Food Drive
Vice Mayor Freeman –	National Public Works Week

Councilmember Luna –	National League of Cities – COVID Mesa Prevention Alliance – Health and Wellness Digital Small Business Summit-Spanish
Councilmember Heredia –	Digital Small Business Summit-Spanish
Councilmember Duff –	Mesa Convention Center – Feeding Mesa Food Drive
Councilmember Thompson –	House of Refuge – Public Food Distribution

4. Scheduling of meetings.

City Manager Christopher Brady stated that the schedule of meetings is as follows:

Thursday, May 28, 2020, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

JOHN GILES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Study Session of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 21st day of May 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

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(Attachments – 2)

Transportation Bond Presentation

City Council Study Session

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RJ Zeder, Transportation Director

Erik Guderian, Deputy Transportation Director



Planned Transportation Projects

Prioritization of Projects

2020 Bond Size	# of Projects	# of ALCP Projects	ALCP Reimbursement	Estimated Annual Cost to Typical Homeowner*
\$100M	12	8	\$47.8M	\$28/yr.
\$150M	17	10	\$63.3M	\$42/yr.
\$200M	24	11	\$68.0M	\$56/yr.

* Issued over five years to the typical (median) Mesa residential homeowner



Planned Transportation Projects

Prioritization of Projects: \$100M

Priority	Project Name	Transportation Total (millions)	Other/Utilities Total (millions)	Total (millions)
1	Signal Butte Road Improvements: Williams Field to Pecos*	\$9.5	\$0	\$9.5
2	Signal Butte Road Improvements: Pecos to Germann*	\$6.8	\$0	\$6.8
3	Broadway Rd: Mesa to Stapley (Lesueur to Spur)*	\$17.5	\$14.0	\$31.5
4	Southern Ave & Country Club Drive Roadways	\$0.9	\$7.6	\$8.5
5	Arterial Reconstructions #1	\$22.6	\$2.5	\$25.1
6	Center Street: McKellips to 10th Ave - Separated Bike Lane	\$6.8	\$0.0	\$6.8
7	Eastern Canal Shared-Use Path Broadway to Baseline	\$3.1	\$0.0	\$3.1
8	Ellsworth - From City Limit to SR24*	\$6.2	\$0.0	\$6.2
9	Sossaman and Baseline*	\$1.2	\$0.0	\$1.2
10	Ray Road Connection to Ellsworth*	\$6.8	\$0.0	\$6.8
11	Stapley Drive and University Drive Intersection*	\$9.4	\$1.9	\$11.3
12	Val Vista Dr.: Pueblo to US 60*	\$7.9	\$4.4	\$12.3

* Eligible for ALCP reimbursement



Planned Transportation Projects

Prioritization of Projects: \$150M

Priority	Project Name	Transportation Total <i>(millions)</i>	Other/Utilities Total <i>(millions)</i>	Total <i>(millions)</i>
1	Red Mountain SUP-Power Rd	\$6.3	\$0.0	\$6.3
2	Lehi Crossing - Phase II Gilbert to Val Vista Dr	\$3.4	\$0.0	\$3.4
3	Sossaman - Ray to Warner Rd*	\$4.4	\$0.0	\$4.4
4	Elliot: Ellsworth to Sossaman*	\$18.1	\$0.0	\$18.1
5	Arterial Reconstructions #2	\$21.5	\$0.0	\$21.5

* Eligible for ALCP reimbursement



Planned Transportation Projects

Prioritization of Projects: \$200M

Priority	Project Name	Transportation Total (millions)	Other/Utilities Total (millions)	Total (millions)
1	Southern Ave Improvements: Gilbert to Val Vista Dr*	\$7.2	\$2.5	\$9.7
2	US60 SUP - Consolidated to Eastern Canal	\$7.7	\$0.0	\$7.7
3	ITS Field Network Upgrade	\$2.4	\$0.0	\$2.4
4	Mesa Gateway SUP Phase 3 Hawes to Power Rd	\$5.9	\$0.0	\$5.9
5	1st Ave - Phase 2-4 Hibbert to Country Club Dr	\$5.6	\$7.5	\$13.1
6	Realtime Adaptive Signal Timing Upgrade Program	\$1.1	\$0.0	\$1.1
7	Signal Detection Upgrade Program	\$2.2	\$0.0	\$2.2

* Eligible for ALCP reimbursement

Interim Transportation Plan

2020-2022

Priority	Project Name	Transportation Total (millions)	Other/Utilities Total (millions)	Total (millions)
1	Signal Butte Road Improvements: Williams Field to Pecos ¹	\$9.5	\$0	\$9.5
2	Signal Butte Road Improvements: Pecos to Germann ²	\$0 ²	\$0	\$0 ²
3	Streetlight LED Conversion Project	\$7.2	\$0	\$7.2
4	Broadway Rd: Mesa to Stapley (Lesueur to Spur) ¹	\$17.5	\$14.0	\$31.5
5	Southern Ave & Country Club Drive Roadways	\$0.9	\$7.6	\$8.5
6	Design Funding for Potential 2022 Bond Projects ^{1,3}	\$6.0	TBD	\$6.0
Total		\$41.1	\$21.6	\$62.7

1. Eligible for ALCP reimbursement
2. Funded by Town of Queen Creek up to \$8.0M per IGA. Mesa to reimburse Queen Creek by 12/31/2030.
3. Arterial Reconstructions, Ellsworth - From City Limit to SR24, Sossaman and Baseline, Val Vista Dr.: Pueblo to US 60

Questions/Discussion



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TRANSPORTATION



MESA MOVES

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO PLACES

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Mesa CARES

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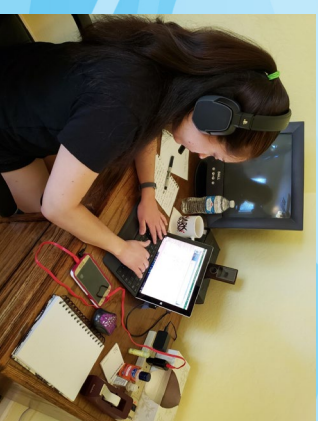
The CARES Act provides that payments for the Fund may only be used to cover costs that-

1. are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19;
2. were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 for the State or government; and
3. were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends of December 30, 2020.

Mesa CARES

Mesa CARES Outreach: (\$150,000)

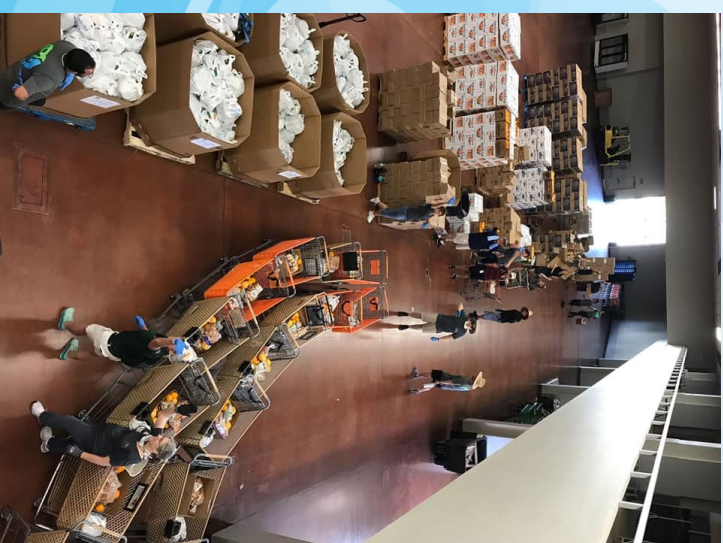
- Conducted a community needs assessment related to the impacts of COVID-19
- Serves as a community resource to connect residents with COVID-19 emergency services
- Provides call center support for the Small Business Reemergence Program.



Mesa CARES

Feeding Mesa-Food Distribution: (\$10,000,000)

- United Food Bank Support
- United Food Bank Meal Distribution
- Midwest Food Bank Support
- Canned food drives
- Restaurant buy-out program



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Reimbursement for public safety and essential service response to the COVID-19 emergency: (\$50,000,000)

- Payroll expenses for public safety employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to COVID-19 public health emergency.



Mesa CARES

- Utility Assistance Supplement (MesaCAN) (\$1,000,000)
- Increase financial support for utility costumers.

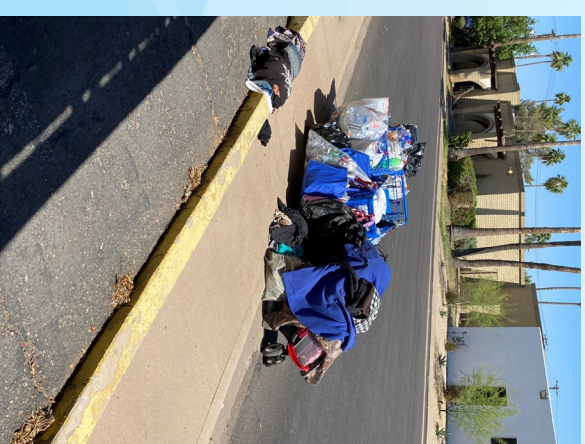


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COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK



Mitigation and Care for Homeless Pop. (\$500,000)

- Expand overnight sheltering options
- Enforce social distancing requirements
- Operation Off-the-Streets
- Consider permanent sheltering options currently not included in budget (\$3,500,000 - \$5,000,000)





Small Business Reemergence: (\$20,000,000)

- Utility Assistance
- Facility and Rental Assistance
- Technical Assistance, Marketing
- Founding Partners (Arts & Culture)



Mesa CARES Small Business
Grants available.

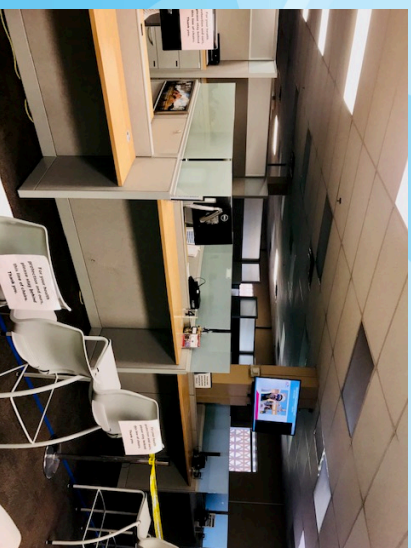
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Mesa CARES

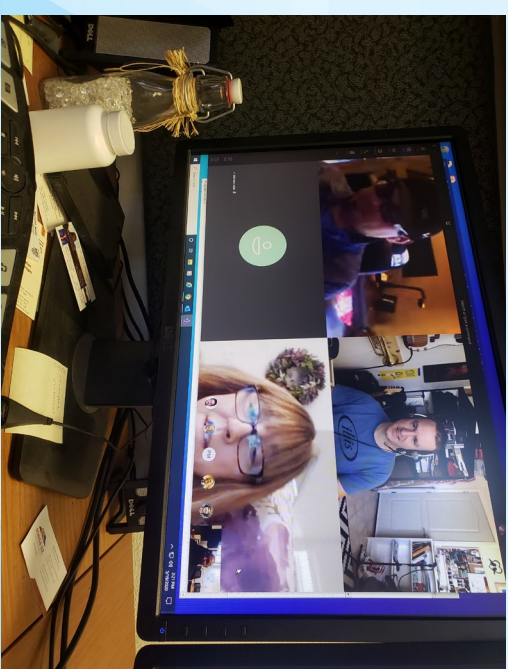
Healthy Buildings Retrofit: (\$2,500,000)

- Installation of barriers
- Handsfree improvements
- Sanitizing stations
- Air filtering systems



- Support employees with all technology needed to work from home.

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- The screenshot shows a social media profile page for a user named 'Stoodhime_6506den'. The profile picture is a close-up of a woman with long, wavy brown hair and a slight smile. The background of the profile header is a blurred image of the same woman. The profile name 'Stoodhime_6506den' is displayed in a bold, black font. Below the name, there is a bio that reads 'I'm a girl who loves to dance and sing'. The profile has 1,234 followers and 567 following. There are three tabs visible: 'posts', 'reels', and 'stories'. The 'posts' tab is selected, showing a grid of six posts. The first post is a video of the woman dancing, with a caption that says 'Dancing in the rain'. The second post is a photo of the woman singing into a microphone, with a caption that says 'Singing my heart out'. The third post is a photo of the woman with her hands on her hips, with a caption that says 'Feeling confident'. The fourth post is a photo of the woman with her eyes closed, with a caption that says 'Feeling the music'. The fifth post is a photo of the woman with her mouth open, with a caption that says 'Singing my heart out'. The sixth post is a photo of the woman with her hands on her hips, with a caption that says 'Feeling confident'. The profile is located in the 'Discover' section of the app, as indicated by the 'Discover' tab being selected at the bottom.





Employee Health and Wellness: (\$250,000)

- Employee testing for COVID-19
- Serology testing for public safety and essential service employees
- Expenses of providing paid sick and paid family and medical leave to employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.



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Community Health & Safety: (\$500,000)

- PPE for employees and customers
- Additional cleaning supplies
- Increased contractual services for facility cleaning





COVID-19 Emergency Contingency: (\$2,600,000)

- Reserve for unanticipated emergency COVID-19 expenses.

Questions?



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