

Community Services Committee
Meeting
December 16, 2020



COVID-19 Relief Fund

Community/Stakeholder Input

Community Input

- Most pressing issue(s) for the Madison community
- Greatest impact for COVID Relief funds
- Resources/needs most helpful as it pertains to:
 - Violence Prevention
 - Eviction Prevention/Housing Assistance
 - Youth Programming
 - Basic/Household needs
 - Other

Community Stakeholders

Neighborhood Centers
School-age youth programs
Community residents
Neighborhood Associations/Planning Councils
Community-based Organizations
Neighborhood Resource Teams
Public Health Madison & Dane County
MMSD
Faith-based Organizations

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- CDD gathered feedback on the needs in the Madison community that could be addressed through two upcoming COVID-19 Relief RFPs. We asked the community to rank the following needs:
 1. Funding for violence prevention
 2. Support for children and youth (ex. youth employment support, youth programming, etc.)
 3. Funding for eviction prevention and housing assistance
 4. Household/Basic needs
- Survey participants were also asked to provide specific ideas as to how they think the topics above should be addressed in the community.

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■ Ranking of priorities:

1. Funding for eviction prevention and housing assistance
 2. Support for children and youth (ex. youth employment support, youth programming, etc.)
 3. Household/Basic needs
 4. Funding for violence prevention
- Additionally, responders also identified support for mental health, food, internet, and utilities as community needs.

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Support for Eviction Prevention and Housing Assistance

- Provide funding for rent, low income home owners' mortgage payments, security deposit assistance, first month's rent, utilities, and bills.
 - Many sources have already been depleted
- Urgent need, provide funding as quickly as possible. Concerned about the end of the eviction moratorium.
- Work with trusted agencies and make funds available to those who have not been able to access funds. This includes undocumented immigrants.
- Create as few barriers as possible for families to get assistance. Do not require an eviction notice.
- Fund housing counselors for those who have already been evicted.
- Funding for hotels stays for those who have been evicted.
- Educate landlords about the need for flexibility to prevent eviction. Incentivize landlords when possible.



Eviction Prevention

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Support for Children and Youth

- Youth employment training
- Day programs and activities
- Access to Internet
- Virtual learning support, tutoring
- Mental health (support counselors, youth groups)
- Must meet basic needs (housing, food, clothing, safety)



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Support for access to Household/Basic Needs

- Coordinate with pantries and agencies already providing food to also provide other supplies
- Provide gift cards or vouchers for families to purchase needed items
- Have locations in communities that are easy to access such as neighborhood centers, JFF, and other trusted organizations. Consider using bus transfer points, libraries, and schools. Maybe a mobile option too.
 - Hours beyond 9-5.
- Increase communication on where households can get items.
- Make sure marginalized community members can access support. This includes undocumented individuals, immigrants, people of color.



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Other thoughts/comments re: Community Needs

- Significant concerns about eviction moratorium being lifted.
- Access to support for families who can't access Shares for childcare subsidies
- Provide a universal Basic Income
- Assistance with utilities
- Support for those with mental health and substance abuse concerns
- Household and organizations need more masks, sanitizer, access to testing
- Free metro rides again
- More support for immigrant community, undocumented community, and people of color

Next Steps

■ RFP #1 – Eviction Prevention and Housing Assistance

- This RFP will specifically support housing assistance and eviction prevention. *Includes the immigrant population
- Anticipated RFP release date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021
- This RFP will make available up to \$750,000, comprised of:
 - **COVID Relief Fund (\$500,000):** Established by the City of Madison Common Council, these funds are dedicated to support community-based efforts to prevent evictions or provide other types of housing assistance to meet needs caused by COVID-19.
 - **CDBG-CV Funds (\$250,000):** Awarded through the CARES Act, these dollars are available to support “emergency grant payments” allowed under federal CDBG guidelines, and able to cover expenses for up to six consecutive months, to providers of items or services that help meet basic needs such as food, clothing, housing, and utilities.

RFP #1 – Eviction Prevention and Housing Assistance

- December 17, 2020 CSC reviews RFP guidelines and empowers Conference Committee to make recommendations to Common Council

Date	RFP Activity
January 7	CDBG Committee reviews RFP guidelines and empowers Conference Committee to make recommendations to Common Council
January 12	Release of RFP
January 26	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS
February 1	Conference Committee – Discuss proposals, possible applicant presentations and make recommendations to Common Council
February 2	Common Council (Introduction by title only)
February 8	Finance Committee
February 23	Common Council (Final Action)
February 25	Notification of awards
March 1	Earliest anticipated contract start date(s)

Next Steps

- **RFP #2 – Violence Prevention, Youth Programming , and other community support**
 - Anticipated RFP release date: Tuesday, February 12, 2021
 - This RFP will make available up to \$225,000
 - Continue to analyze the community/stakeholder input received around violence prevention, supporting children and youth, and household needs as we prepare to release a second RFP.
 - Work with PMHDC to incorporate feedback from the results of their violence prevention plan

RFP #2 – Violence Prevention, Youth Programming , and other community support

Date	RFP Activity
January 27	CSC meeting - reviews RFP guidelines
February 12	Release of RFP
March 8	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS
March 24	CSC meeting – discuss proposals, possible applicant presentations and make recommendations to Common Council
March 30	Common Council (Introduction)
April 5	Finance Committee
April 20	Common Council (Final Action)
April 22	Notification of awards
May 1	Earliest anticipated contract start date(s)