

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Mayor and Council

AGENDA DATE: Tuesday, May 12, 2020

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:
City Representative Henry Rivera, District 7- 915.212.0007

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 8 - Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? **OR AUTHORIZE** the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and Action on developing a Temporary Rental/Mortgage Assistance program to benefit residents and Small Businesses, within the City of El Paso, that are unable to pay their rent/mortgage as a result of job loss and small businesses closing or operating at reduced capacities as a result of COVID-19. To direct the City Manager to allocate CARES Act COVID-19 funding and any other funding that is available for this program and to further develop implementation strategies, guarantee the program is user friendly and ensure that the public is informed via Social media platforms, media PSA's, print media, the city website, and any other resources that are available.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

Individuals and Families whose incomes have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and who are unable to pay for rent/mortgage. The city does not want these families to become homeless. Therefore, consideration to utilize CARES Act funding for rental assistance and other resources should be explored.

Small Businesses whose incomes have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and as a result are unable to pay the rent/mortgage and face the possibility of losing the business.

The Rental/Mortgage program will assist El Paso small businesses and residents from being further impacted as a result COVID-19.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one? N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? \$119 million CARES Act Funding allocated to the City of El Paso. Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****