

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 to develop a utility temporary program to assist residents with electric utility payment assistance as a result of being impacted with an economic hardship from the COVID-19 pandemic; and direct the City Manager, Tommy Gonzalez, to allocate CARES Act COVID-19 funding, additional federal funding from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) or any other available federal funding to this program. 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 incomes have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and are unable to pay for their electric utility bill.

The Utility Energy/Electric Bill program will assist El Paso 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, additional federal funding from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) or any other available federal funding to this program. 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?