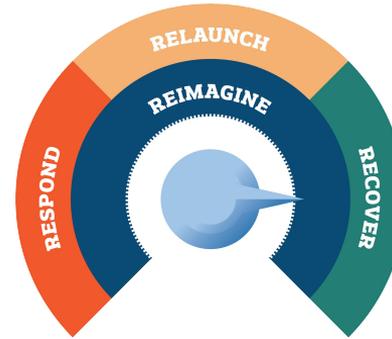


COVID-19 Additional Funding Requests - 2021

Financial & Corporate Services
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City Council, April 19, 2021

COVID-19 2021 Funding and Approach

- Administration continues to use the same principles to guide COVID-19 funding decisions
 - Safety
 - Local Economy
 - Honour Relationships
 - City Building
 - Demonstrate Empathy
 - Combination of Tools
- Balance economic and social needs with public health needs
- One-time strategies have been used to date to manage the effects of COVID-19 - no impact on the tax-levy



COVID-19 One-Time Funding Requests

(\$millions)		
COVID-19 Funds Available in appropriated FSR - opening		\$186.2
Total use of COVID-19 Funds (as of April 9, 2021)		(170.5)
Balance Remaining (before funding requests)		\$15.7
Enhanced Public Safety	(8.9)	
Business Support	(0.9)	
Occupational Health & Safety - City of Edmonton	(0.5)	
Total Funding Requests		(\$10.3)
COVID-19 Funds Available in appropriated FSR - closing (after funding requests)		\$5.4

COVID-19 Funding Requests - Highlights



Enhanced Public Safety

UV Air Purification Technology

- \$5.9M in capital costs, ongoing operating costs starting in 2022

Vaccination Centre

- \$1.3M operating support, require authority to enter agreement



Business Support

Business Improvement Area 2021 Levy Subsidy

- 50% funding of 2021 BIA Levy - \$1.7M (recommended)



Occupational Health and Safety



Recreation Facility Phased Reopening

- No additional funding required, change in reopening strategy

City Response and Recovery Supports

Edmonton Businesses

- ✓ Economic Recovery Business Grant (\$5M)
- ✓ Economic Recovery Construction Grant (\$23M)
- ✓ Explore Edmonton tourism funds (\$17M)
- ✓ Waived business license fees (\$8M)
- ✓ BIA levy forgiveness
- ✓ Reduced fees for vehicle for hire
- ✓ Temporary patio expansions
- ✓ Rent abatement for commercial tenants
- ✓ Buy local campaign
- ✓ Maintained capital spending for stimulus

Commuters

- ✓ Suspended transit fares and maintained transit service (\$68M)
- ✓ Suspension of the U-Pass program, alternative discount fares (\$10M)
- ✓ Suspended parking fees (\$8M)
- ✓ Enhanced cleaning and security protocols
- ✓ Shared streets

City Response and Recovery Supports, contd.

Vulnerable Edmontonians

- ✓ EXPO day shelter and isolation centre (\$5M)
- ✓ Tipinawâw 24/7 emergency shelter (\$11M)
- ✓ Overnight shelter expansion (i.e. Kinsmen, Central Lions) and shuttle service
- ✓ Enhanced cleaning and security protocols
- ✓ Outdoor library access
- ✓ Rapid Housing

Community Partners

- ✓ Operating support to YMCA (\$1M)
- ✓ Loan to Fort Edmonton Park Management Company (\$2 M)
- ✓ Maintained most partner funding grants
- ✓ Delayed rent for not-for-profits
- ✓ Flexibility for FCSS-funded agencies

All Edmontonians

- ✓ Delay in property tax deadline (\$6M)
- ✓ Reduced Waste Services rates (\$4M)
- ✓ Deferral of utility payments
- ✓ Vaccination centre
- ✓ Maintained critical services



COVID-19 - Long-Term Considerations

- Long-term effects of COVID are uncertain
- Assessing longer term impacts on services - transit and recreation facilities
- Support from other levels of government is uncertain
- Return in fall with an update on COVID impacts for 2022



Thank you
Questions?