



EDCM Committee

**Item #1 Update on Small
Business Assistant Grant
Program and Possible CARES
Act**

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**City of
Santa Clara**
The Center of What's Possible

Small Business Grant Program

- Launched April 2020
- Funded \$1.1 million in 155 grants
- Raised an additional \$50,000
- Currently receiving documentation from grantees
- Visited restaurant grant recipients



CARES Act Funding

- City was notified in June 2020 of CARES Act Funding through the State of \$1.59 million
- City Council appropriated funds on July 14, 2020 for COVID-19 related expenses
- Can only be used to cover costs that:
 - Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19
 - Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (date of enactment of the CARES Act)
 - Were incurred during the period between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020
- Eligible expenses include payment for:
 - Medical expenses
 - Public health expenses including communication and enforcement of public health orders, disinfection of public areas, distribution of medical and protective supplies

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CARES Act Funding

- Eligible expenses include (Continued):
 - Payroll expenses for public safety, and those dedicated to responding to COVID-19
 - Actions to facilitate compliance of public health measures such as food deliver to residents and vulnerable populations, care for homeless, technological improvements including telework capabilities for public employees, and paid sick and family leave for public employees
 - Provision of economic support including small business grants to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by closures, payroll support programs, and unemployment insurance costs
- If Council wants to exceed these requirements, City can reimburse the general fund for past uses and free up those GF dollars for the desired purpose.

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Potential Uses of CARES Act

- Additional funding of Small Business Grant program
- New program to assist businesses with safety/social distancing improvements to open for business
- Additional funding for Emergency Rental Assistance Program