



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Vicki Chiavetta, Deputy City Manager

Date: February 19, 2021

Reference: Consider approval of a revised Coppell CARES Program Agreement between the City of Coppell and Metrocrest Services allowing an amendment to Assistance Grant, Section 3.9(a); and authorizing the Mayor to sign.

Introduction:

On July 14th, 2020, City Council approved CARES Act funding for local social services and entered into an agreement with Metrocrest Services to provide monthly reimbursements for rental, food and utilities assistance to Coppell residents who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency, up to the amount of \$244,550.

As a result of the signing of the Consolidated Appropriations Act on December 27, 2020, Council approved a new agreement in January, 2021, extending the period during which recipients may incur eligible costs that may be covered using payments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, to December 31, 2021.

In the original agreement, Section 3.9(a) for receiving rental assistance reads:

“If the housing, utilities, and/or food assistance applications are approved, the maximum assistance grant is \$1500 per month, not to exceed (3) months or \$4500, whichever is less.”

Due to the unforeseen length of the pandemic, Metrocrest requested that the city agree to extend the (3) months to (12) months and the \$4500 to \$18,000. To date, Metrocrest has expended approximately \$130,000 of the original \$244,550 designated to them.

Because Metrocrest has not expended the total amount of CARES Act funds allotted to them in the original agreement, we are requesting approval from Council to allow this change to the agreement so they may continue assisting qualifying Coppell residents during this time of need.

Legal Review:

The City Attorney has reviewed the agreement.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding for the CARES ACT Grant Program is being provided by the Federal Government through the State of Texas and Dallas County.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the agreement.