

RESOLUTION No. 513-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DONALD ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM, THE DONALD RESIDENT COVID-19 RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM, IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK USING THE CITY'S CARES ACT FUNDING ALLOCATION FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, the Donald City Council declared a public health emergency in Donald arising from the COVID-19 outbreak;

WHEREAS, Governor Brown issued Executive Order 20-03 on March 8, 2020, declaring a statewide state of emergency pursuant to ORS Chapter 401, due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Oregon. The emergency declaration extended for 60 days, through May 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor Brown issued Executive Order 20-24 on May 7, 2020, finding that COVID-19 continued to threaten public health and safety, and remains a statewide emergency under ORS 401.025, extending the state of emergency an additional 60 days through July 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor Brown extended the statewide emergency an additional 60 days, through September 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Donald City Council recognizes that one of its essential functions is to secure the health and welfare of the Donald residents; and

WHEREAS, resources are necessary to help some residents financially through the Pandemic and can reasonably require public financial aid; and

WHEREAS, On March 27, 2020, the United States Congress adopted the Coronavirus Air, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") which, among other things, amended Section 601(a) of the Social Security Act and established the Coronavirus Relief Fund, as amended by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief Fund and appropriated \$150 billion to the Fund be used to make payments for specified uses to States and certain local governments; and

WHEREAS, guidance issued by the U.S. Treasury Department indicates that necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency include costs incurred to support local residents that suffered financial losses due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon State allocation of Fund resources has been designated to reimburse certain additional local governments in the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The referenced exhibits are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. The City of Donald, hereby, establishes the Donald Resident COVID-19 Relief Grant Program to provide support to local residents that suffer from financial losses due to COVID-19. Grant awards will be at the sole discretion of the City of Donald through an application process. Grant recipients shall only receive and use grant funds for eligible expenses incurred between March 1, 2020 and October 31, 2020. A list of award eligible and criteria, as well as the eligible expenses are included in Exhibit A; and

Section 3. All funding for this program comes solely as reimbursement to the City from the State of Oregon for COVID-19 related expenses. The city has no obligation to provide grant recipients or applicants funds from this or any source.

Section 4. The City Council will receive a summary of all applications to review the costs associated with the community need.

Section 5. Upon Council approval of the amount of funds to be used for the Donald Resident COVID-19 Relief Grant Program, the City Manager is authorized to execute any agreement with a recipient on behalf of the City of Donald to receive financial assistance from Fund.

Section 6. The City Manager is authorized to sign all contracts and other documents and to take all other actions, necessary or expedient in fulfilling the purposes of this Resolution. If necessary, in the absence of the City Manager, the Mayor will fulfill this role.

Section 7. The provisions of this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption and shall continue until further formal action of the City Council.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Donald at a Special Session on this 26th day of August, 2020 by the vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

DATE: August 26, 2020


Brad Oxenford, Mayor

ATTEST by City Manager this 26th day of August, 2020

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Heidi Bell, City Manager

Donald COVID-19 Financial Assistance Program

All Oregonians have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. As Oregon works to recover from the devastating effects of the pandemic on our economy, the City of Donald has received federal funding to help our local residents who have suffered financially because of the crisis.

We are pleased to introduce the **Donald COVID-19 Financial Assistance Program**. The priorities of this Program are to assist households that have suffered financially from the pandemic and households that have been quarantined. This Program provides one-time financial assistance to eligible Donald residents who have experienced loss of income, reduction in hours, unemployment or increased household expenses as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This program is not designed to assist individuals who were not impacted financially by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Program Overview:

Application: Residents complete an Application for Financial Assistance and provide supporting documents. Applications will be time/date stamped upon receipt. Incomplete applications or applications without the requested supporting documentation may be declined. The deadline to submit an Application for Financial Assistance is October 2, 2020.

Review/Approval: Complete Applications, with the supporting documentation, will be reviewed and, if applicable, approved for funding. To aid in the recovery of our local economy, every effort will be made to review complete applications upon receipt. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. Approval will be based on demonstrated need and funding availability. The program will continue until available funds are fully distributed.

City Council Authorization: Donald City Council will authorize the funding of all approved Applications for Financial Assistance at the regular City Council meeting held after the review/approval of the applications. Funding will be made available on a first-come/ first-served basis. There is no guarantee that the benefit will be paid and City of Donald will appropriate funds at its discretion.

Payment: approved payments will be distributed to applicants by the City of Donald.

Confidentiality: all applications and supporting documents will be treated as confidential. Names of applicants and their individual financial situations will only be used to implement the financial assistance program. City Council will only receive aggregate data about the program.

Expenses that qualify for financial assistance:

- Overdue housing (rent or mortgage)
- Overdue utilities (electricity, water, natural gas, phone, cable, internet)
- Expenses related to technology used primarily for home schooling/distance learning because of COVID-19 school closure

FAQ:

1. I received a stimulus check, does that disqualify me?
Eligibility is not impacted by receipt of stimulus check.
2. I have overdue expenses from February, 2020. Can I get help with those expenses?
Sorry, this program is specifically for expenses related to COVID-19 and incurred after March 1, 2020.
3. If you have already receiving financial assistance for an eligible expense , you are not eligible for another payment from the **Donald COVID-19 Financial Assistance Program**.

Questions: please do not hesitate to reach out to Diana Ash, 503-963-9759, or dianaash@msn.com with any questions regarding this program.

