



Georgine Welo, Mayor

Dear Council, City Directors, and Employees,

I wanted to take a minute to write to you today to detail how we are spending our federal CARES Act allocation which was received by the City from the State of Ohio in three separate distributions.

These distributions were partially used to fund a variety of critical improvements needed for the City and the community to effectively operate during the continued COVID pandemic. I would like to detail how these funds were used below:

Community Benefits:

Housing Assistance Program: The City has contracted with CHN Housing Partners to administer a rental assistance program for those residents in need.

Vital Business Grant Program: Through a competitive application process, the City is making available 10 grants of \$5,000 per business to fund those businesses which serve a vital community need and make a compelling case for needing funds to continue operations. The applications will be reviewed by a committee of volunteer residents (OSE Board Members) who will make the funding decisions.

Food Assistance Program for Residents: Through a competitive application process, the City is making gift cards available to purchase food for those residents most in need of such aid. A committee of volunteer residents (OSE Board Members) will review applications and make the award decisions.

Masks & Hand Sanitizer for Residents: Reusable masks featuring the city logo and hand sanitizer with the city logo have been purchased to make available to residents. These will be made available to residents at no cost. These products were purchased from a South Euclid company, LT Squared.

South Euclid United Church of Christ Food Pantry: A donation was made to the SEUCC to fund their holiday turkey distribution program as well as their general monthly food pantry distribution program to help those residents in need.

Youth Educational Opportunities: The City is collaborating with the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools and the Hillcrest YMCA to make available "educational pods" for students. This would allow students to do their remote/virtual learning in person in small groups with supervised instruction. This would avoid students being home, potentially alone, during the day.

Youth Virtual & Small Group Programming: The City has partnered with SEL Schools, the Hillcrest YMCA, Mercury Theatre, Team Couture, and Garfield Memorial Church to offer small group and virtual programming and instruction for youth in lieu of large group activities, due to COVID.

Improvements to City Facilities:

Touchless Plumbing Fixtures: All city restroom facilities, including bathrooms at the parks and pools, will be upgraded with touchless fixtures. This includes touchless toilets, sinks, soap dispensers, and paper towel dispensers. All drinking fountains will also be upgraded to touchless fixtures. Foot pedals will be installed on all bathroom doors. This will lead to more hygienic bathrooms.

New City Hall Reception Area: The front parking lot and front door of City Hall will be employee only areas. The reception area is being moved to near the Police Department lobby. It will be a secure area. The receptionist will allow people into the front of City Hall through a buzzer system. This will minimize the exposure and contact City Hall employees will have with the public.

City Hall Front Entrance Improvements: Signage will be installed indicating the front parking lot and front entrance is for employees only. The front doors will be replaced and updated to a keyless, touchless entry system for employees to use. Cameras will be added to monitor the front entrance.

City Hall Chairlift: A Chairlift system will be installed in the public back lobby to allow members of the public to easily access the second floor without using the elevator. This will dramatically increase the accessibility of the building. It will also allow individuals to access the second floor without assistance from the Police Department or other staff.

Plexiglass Barriers: Plexiglass will be installed throughout the Building Department to appropriately separate staff. Plexiglass will be installed at the Community Center front desk to protect staff.

Room Divider Replacement: The room dividers at the Community Center are being replaced to ensure for proper social distancing between meeting rooms and to prevent cross-interaction between groups.

Improvements to City Operations to Ensure COVID Compliance:

ProKlean Disinfecting Machines: These machines were purchased for City Hall, the Community Center, the Service Department, the Fire Department, Bexley Pool, and Quarry Splash Park and will be used each day to disinfect and clean equipment, offices, public spaces, and vehicles.

Air Purifiers: Air Purifying Machines are being installed throughout all city buildings to ensure clean air in areas where employees are together in close proximity.

Moonbeam UV Machine: A UV disinfecting machine is being purchased to ensure cleanliness and safety of areas throughout city buildings where people are in close proximity to each other.

Social Distancing Decals: These decals will be placed on the floor of City Hall and the Community Center to ensure members of the public are 6 feet apart in public areas. They will also be placed outside in the parks and at the pool and splash park to encourage social distancing.

Masks for Employees: All City employees are being provided with reusable masks to wear while at work to protect themselves and their co-workers.

Hand Sanitizer/Dispensers, Disinfecting Spray & Wipes: Portable hand sanitizing stations will be purchased and installed in City buildings and at the parks, playgrounds, and pools to ensure proper hygiene practices. Disinfectant wipes and spray will ensure proper cleaning of city facilities.

Thermometers: Thermometers are being purchased to ensure city employees and visitors to city facilities are checking their temperature on a regular basis.

COVID Signage: Signage stating “masks required” and reminders to social distance and wash hands will be placed throughout city facilities.

“At Your Own Risk Signage”: Signage will be placed at outdoor areas like the playgrounds and dog park notifying that the facilities are open (when this can safely occur), but are to be used at your own risk.

WebEx and Zoom Subscriptions: Subscriptions to WebEx and Zoom have been purchased to allow the City to continue having virtual and hybrid meetings.

iPads and Laptops: iPads, laptops, and associated accessory equipment is being purchased for city employees to allow for employees to be able to work remotely as needed.

Adobe Creative Suite Subscription: A subscription was purchased to allow employees to use the necessary features of this program while working remotely.

City Council Computers: ChromeBooks are being purchased for each Councilmember to allow for better virtual and hybrid meetings. A MacBook is being purchased for the Clerk to allow him to better facilitate the virtual and hybrid meetings.

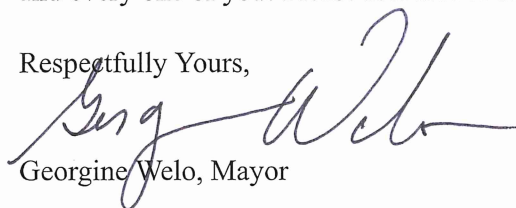
Audio/Visual Equipment for Meetings: Equipment is being purchased to allow for hybrid in-person and virtual meetings to take place at the Community Center in a socially distant atmosphere.

When the pandemic allows for City Hall to reopen, the front entrance and front parking area will be restricted permanently to employees only. All will enter through the rear entrance and will need to check in and be admitted to the front area by the receptionist. A temperature check and face covering will be required. In addition, hand sanitizer, thermometers, and disposable masks will be provided to the South Euclid Municipal Court. The Municipal Court will be responsible for monitoring their visitors and ensuring they are temperature compliant, properly social distance, and have face coverings. Judge Williams-Byers received a separate letter notifying her of this.

I believe we have utilized our CARES Act dollars to ensure City Hall and our facilities will be safe for both our employees and the public when we reopen. We also have ensured our CARES allocation directly benefits the residents and businesses of our community. I want to thank my administration for coming up with innovative ways to ensure our residents and businesses make it through this very difficult time.

Thank you for all you do to keep our community a great place to live and work. I truly appreciate each and every one of you! Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully Yours,



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