

# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CARES FUND

*COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT*

*JUNE 22, 2020*



# ASSISTANCE PLAN



## **\$500,000 IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARDED TO A 2<sup>ND</sup> PARTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUT-COUNTY RESIDENTS**

- UP TO \$1,000 ONE TIME DIRECT GIFT CARD/CASH ASSISTANCE TO A HOUSEHOLD
  - LIMITED USE MASTERCARD
- BENEFITTING RESIDENTS THAT RESIDE OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF EL PASO
- TARGETING THE MOST IN NEED BASED ON A PRIORITIZATION POINT SYSTEM
  - NOT FIRST COME FIRST SERVE
- IMPACT OF DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE=APPROXIMATELY 450 HOUSEHOLDS

# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND USE OF FUNDS



- PROOF OF RESIDENCY IN ZIP CODES OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS
- AVAILABLE TO ALL WITHIN 80% OR BELOW OF THE AVERAGE MEDIAN INCOME FOR EL PASO AND CAN DEMONSTRATE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DIRECTLY RELATED TO COVID19 PANDEMIC AND ECONOMIC CRISIS
- CAN USE FOR PAYMENT OF DAYCARE AND/OR PURCHASE OF GROCERIES/MEDICINE/VEHICLE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE
- DOES NOT EXCLUDE RESIDENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE AND HAVE RECEIVED GENERAL ASSISTANCE RENT PAYMENTS
  - PRIORITIZING RESIDENTS WHO HAVE HIGH NEEDS

# ACTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS



- EMERGENCY EXEMPTION TO PURCHASING PROCEDURES
- COUNTY ATTORNEY OPINION MEMO
- ACCEPT/APPROVE CRITERIA
- APPROVE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE EL PASO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
  - TERMS AND CONDITIONS
  - CARES ACT COMPLIANCE
  - STATEMENT OF WORK
  - FEE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

# QUESTIONS

