

Emergency Economic Relief Fund: Employee Support Grant

AUGUST 23, 2023



Event:

- ~ June 18, 2023, City made aware of Water District #54 boil water order and disruption to normal business activities.
- ~ June 22, 2023, City Council directed City Manager to explore remedies for business relief.
- ~ City Manager focused on immediate liquidity needs and support for employee wage earners.

Timeline:

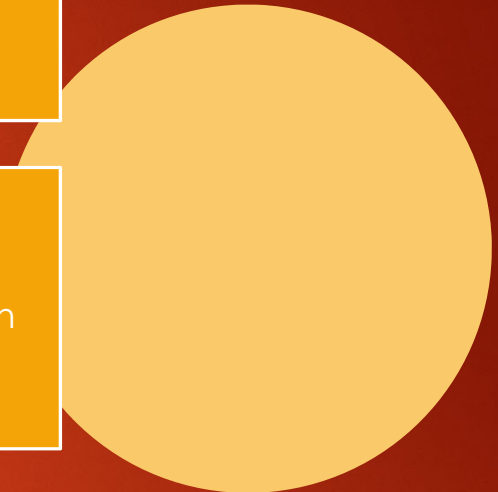
6/18/23
City made aware of boil water order and disruption of normal business activities

6/19/23
City began reviewing ways to support our community

6/21/23
85 Businesses identified in the impacted area

6/23/23
City identified \$450k in available funds

6/24/23
Businesses closed for up to 7 days. Business closure coincided with Father's Day and Juneteenth



Timeline:

6/30/23
Press release issued. Grant
applications available

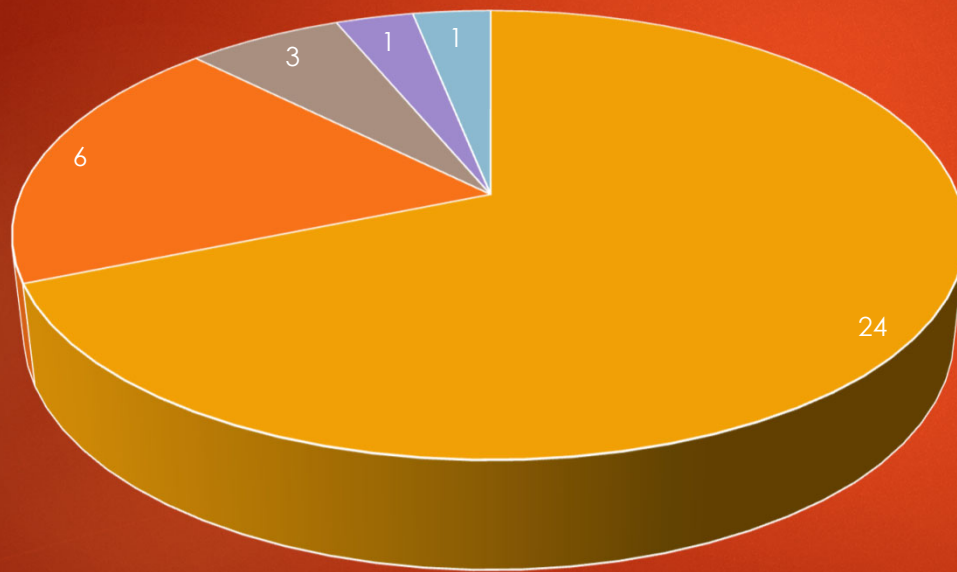
7/31/23
35 Applications received

7/31/23
Application closed

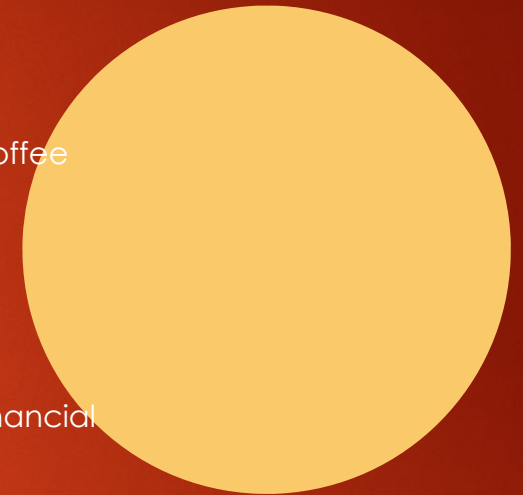
Outcomes:

- ~ The focus of this grant program was to enhance liquidity and support wage earners.
- ~ 35 Applications approved for award.
- ~ Most applicants received payment within two weeks of submittal.
- ~ In total, \$175,000 allocated to support our local business and employees.

A closer look at the 35 applicants:



- Restaurants/Coffee
- Hair or Nail
- Accounting Financial
- Auto Repair
- Physical Therapy



What we've heard....

"I am beyond excited for the news that we have been granted for the City Relief Fund. The joy it brings me is immeasurable, and I am certain that our employees share in this excitement and relief knowing that they will be compensated for the wages lost during the recent closure."

"I want to express my heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation on behalf of everyone here."

"This was devastating, we survived covid, employee shortages and finally in the black, when told we would have to close due to the water. That meant canceling catering orders and tossing inventory."

"I extend my deepest thanks for the invaluable support from the City; It means the world to us. Together, we will emerge stronger than ever before!"

"Thank you for not forgetting the businesses who are a big part of the community"