



MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Natalie N. Lewis, Deputy City Manager
Through: Chris Brady, City Manager
Date: September 24, 2020
Re: Acceptance of Maricopa County CARES funding for rent assistance

On September 16, 2020, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors directed County staff to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (attached) with the City of Mesa in order to provide the City, as pass through to MesaCAN, with up to \$6,250,000 in CARES Funding in order to assist Mesa residents who have been impacted by COVID with rent assistance. Ten percent of these funds, or up to \$625,000, will be provided by the County to Mesa on a reimbursement basis and for related administrative expenses. The County will require biweekly reports be submitted to them to demonstrate the phased distribution of these dollars to eligible Mesa residents.

The City of Mesa will actively support MesaCAN as they administer both a utility and rent assistance program. Eligible households for rent assistance support can earn no more than 300% of the poverty level in Mesa. See attached information on those monthly household income limits. Monthly rent assistance will be capped at \$1500 per month for past-due rent, which can go as far back as March 1, 2020. Payments will be made directly to landlords. And all funding needs to be expended by December 30, 2020, per federal rules.

The attached Intergovernmental Agreement, if approved by Council, will be acted on by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors at their October 7, 2020 meeting. Once approved, the CARES funding will be electronically transferred to the City of Mesa soon thereafter.

If you have questions about the utility or rent assistance programs, please feel free to contact the City Manager's Office directly. Thank you.

Attachments:

- Area Median Income/300% of Poverty Level Income Limits
- Intergovernmental Agreement

300% of the Federal Poverty Level

Household Size	Monthly Household Income
1	\$3,190
2	\$4,310
3	\$5,430
4	\$6,550
5	\$7,670
6	\$8,790
7	\$9,910
8	\$11,030
Each Additional Person	Add \$1,122

300% of the Federal Poverty Level for Fiscal Year 2021 as defined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Effective July 1, 2020.