

Executive Order
Office of the Mayor
City of Atlanta

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2020-06
BY THE MAYOR**

ORDERING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO ALLOCATE UP TO SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$7,000,000.00) IN FUNDS BY TRANSFERRING GENERAL FUND UNUNCOMMITTED FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO THOSE AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; THE TOTAL FUNDS MAY BE UTILIZED AS FOLLOWS: ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN'S FOOD PROGRAMS, ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO SENIOR FOOD PROGRAMS, ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO HOMELESS PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE ACTIVITIES, ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,500,000.00) TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS CONTINUITY, ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) FOR THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF TECHNOLOGY NECESSARY TO EXECUTE THE CITY'S INSTITUTION OF FULL TELEWORK DEPLOYMENT FOR ALL NON-ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES AND TO SUPPORT CITY-WIDE BUSINESS CONTINUITY, AND ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,500,000.00) TO ASSIST THE CITY'S PARTNERS IN THE FINANCIAL INDUSTRY TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO EMPLOYEES AND HOURLY WAGE EARNERS OF BUSINESSES ENGAGED WITH THE CITY OF ATLANTA WHOSE INCOMES ARE ADVERSELY IMPACTED, THOUGH THE TOTAL FUNDS MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO ASSIST WITH ANY OF THESE EFFORTS WITHOUT SPECIFIC LIMITATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, like much of the world the United States, the State of Georgia, and the City of Atlanta are currently responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named "SARS-CoV-2" and the disease it causes named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States announced a national emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which included two emergency declarations: one under the National Emergencies Act and one under the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020 Governor Brian Kemp signed a public health state of emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic through assisting health and emergency management officials across Georgia by deploying all available resources for the mitigation and treatment of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the outbreak many persons throughout the United States, including in the Metro Atlanta Area, have been confined to their homes in order self-quarantine or are engaging in social distancing in the United States to slow the spread of the COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, many persons may be unable to work due to their children's schools, or their workplaces closing, and the cessation of many public activities to help stop the virus from spreading; and

WHEREAS, these important public health measures have an disproportionate adverse impact on some of our most vulnerable citizens including children who receive food through their school food programs which will be unavailable to them due to school closures; and seniors, who, due to their increased risk of severe illness due to COVID-19 may find themselves isolated and unable to access the food programs usually available to them; and

WHEREAS, these public health measures also have a disproportionate adverse impact on small businesses who anticipate a severe drop in customers and revenue in accordance therewith; and

WHEREAS, likewise, these public health measures may have a severe adverse impact on the incomes of the employees and hourly wage earners of the businesses engaged with the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, in order to contribute to the efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19, the City of Atlanta has instituted a full telework deployment for all non-essential employees; and

WHEREAS, in order to execute this full telework deployment, the purchase of certain technology is necessary to permit the employees affected to continue their work for the City of Atlanta remotely and to support City-wide business continuity efforts; and

WHEREAS, in response to this ongoing crisis, I am hereby ordering the Chief Financial Officer to allocate up to seven million dollars (\$7,000,000.00) in funds by transferring general fund uncommitted fund balance for the purpose of providing emergency assistance to those affected by the covid-19 pandemic; the total funds may be utilized as follows: one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to provide emergency assistance

to children's food programs, one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to provide emergency assistance to senior food programs, one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to provide emergency assistance to homeless preparedness and response activities, one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00) to support small business continuity, one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for the emergency purchase of technology necessary to execute the city's institution of full telework deployment for all non-essential employees and to support city-wide business continuity, and one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00) to assist the city's partners in the financial industry to provide emergency assistance to employees and hourly wage earners of businesses engaged with the City of Atlanta whose incomes are adversely impacted, though the total funds may be transferred to assist with any of these efforts without specific limitation; and

WHEREAS, the funds to support the children's food programs shall be utilized to support breakfast, lunch, and dinner options for affected youth, and the funds to support the senior food programs shall support food options for seniors; and

WHEREAS, the funds to support the homeless preparedness and response activities shall be utilized to support emergency lodging, transportation, and cleaning and sanitation supplies for the homeless population; and

WHEREAS, the funds to support small business continuity shall be utilized to capitalize a small business continuity loan fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds to assist the City's partners in the financial industry to provide emergency assistance to employees and hourly wage earners of businesses engaged with the City of Atlanta whose incomes are adversely impacted shall be utilized to capitalize these efforts.

NOW THEREFORE, I, KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, HEREBY AUTHORIZE, ORDER AND DIRECT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby ordered to allocate up to seven million dollars (\$7,000,000.00) in funds by transferring general fund uncommitted fund balance for the purpose of providing emergency assistance to those affected by the covid-19 pandemic; the total funds may be utilized as follows: one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to provide emergency assistance to children's food programs, one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to provide emergency assistance to senior food programs, one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to provide emergency assistance to homeless preparedness and response activities, one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00) to support small business continuity, one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for the emergency purchase of technology necessary to execute the city's institution of full telework deployment for all non-essential employees and to support city-wide business continuity, and one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00) to assist the city's partners in the financial industry to provide emergency assistance to employees and hourly wage earners of businesses engaged with the City of Atlanta whose incomes are adversely impacted, though the total funds may be transferred to assist with any of these efforts without specific limitation.

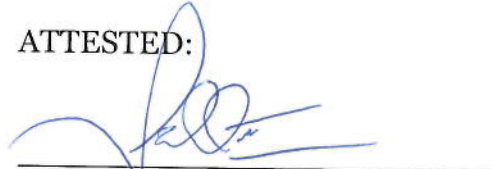
SECTION 2: That the City of Atlanta shall seek reimbursement from the State of Georgia and from Federal Emergency funds for all eligible expenditures.

SECTION 3: That the City of Atlanta shall also identify opportunities to leverage CDBG funds to support this response, in accordance with guidance from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

This 15th day of March, 2020.


Keisha Lance Bottoms, Mayor

ATTESTED:


Municipal Clerk

Foris Webb, III
Municipal Clerk