

PURPOSE: The City will share important COVID-19 information with and gather input from community members, leaders and stakeholders about their communities' needs and priorities so that we can respond appropriately and ensure that our communities know where to access the correct information. This input will also shape how the City shares information with the public.

CITY'S COMMITMENT: To ensure that community leaders and organizations know where to access the proper and most up to date information related to COVID-19.

- **Health**
 - Center community engagement in city's COVID-19 response
 - Epidemiology update (Mageen Caines)
 - Contact tracing and case investigation
 - Clearing 30 complete investigations a day
 - Does not count number of folks attempted to contact – greater number
 - Taking and backfilling the state's efforts
 - Advocating for disaggregating data to the state to better respond and interact with folks
- **Community Support Overview and Resources:** <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/coronavirus/community>
- **Mpls Health Dept, RFA open for Safe Routes to Healthy Food** – focused on increasing access to healthy food and increasing transportation safety for families/individuals when accessing food. Will fund at \$2000, \$5000, or \$8000, asks call to take questions on Thurs May 21st at 1 PM: (Dial in at: 1-877-685-5350 and enter passcode: 6126733557).
- · The RFA is due at 12pm Friday, June 5th via the City's [e-Supplier](#) portal. RFA information and the links to apply can be found [here](#).
- · **Funding decisions made by participatory budgeting process. Please contact Heather.gillich@minneapolismn.gov with questions**
- **CPED**
 - Housing (Andrea Brennan)
 - housing assistance fund
 - over 8,000 applications
 - can serve 1500 households with the funding available
 - currently determining if applicants are eligible and found there are duplicates
 - final number after removing duplicates and verifiable Minneapolis address: 6500 households
 - communicated with 6500 households via email and letter on where they are in the overall process
 - currently making referrals to MPHA for providing assistance directly with stable home stable school funding, along with 10 community partnering organizations
 - referrals are being made to community partners
 - applicants who selected a language preference are referred to organizations able to support in-language
 - 30% of applicants identified Latinx or preferred language is Spanish

- Hennepin county has approved \$15 million for residents in the county. Available to folks in early June
 - Other resources listed on city's website: example, mortgage lenders providing forbearance
 - Homeowner rehab program: continues to run through this period of time, for homeowner with 80% below media income for loans to improve homes and accessibility improvements
- **Business support** (Erik Hansen)
 - City's gap financing loans and opening businesses update
 - City issued for loans of 5k/10k to business in targeted areas of need (ACP50, Minneapolis promise zone, green zone and cultural district)
 - Received over 1200 loans
 - 800 were in the identified geographic areas
 - Loans can be used for payroll, occupancy costs, etc...
 - Able to support 140-200 businesses with the program
 - City additional set 500k for other programs (ie 2% loans)
 - Governor issued stay safe order
 - Non-critical businesses were selected to open
 - Retail, restaurants, etc
 - With restrictions and capacity to provide public health
 - Businesses can choose to open or not
 - June 1st is the target date for restaurants, health clubs, salons
 - City is working to establish guidelines based-on what the state is going to issue
 - Guidelines are built to support customers/clients, owners, and employees
 - Are restaurants going to have outdoor seating space, to help with social distancing
 - Under mn guidelines
 - Businesses looking to open have to address a covid safety plan and public health concerns
 - City will provide guidance with the mindset of continue accessibility and movement
 - Will make sure there are accommodations
- **Community partners**
 - Julie roles – metropolitan area agency on aging
 - Listing of services for older adults – helpolderadultsmn.org
 - Meals delivery and to go meals, care coordination, transportation, social connections, all key services older adults need.
 - 800 listings on the site
 - Up-to-date information, 700 changes were made in the last month
 - John Burkhaw
 - Still providing lawn mowing and yardwork businesses for seniors in Minneapolis
 - To volunteer to help a senior with yard work please visit our website for info. Thank you!
 - <https://seniorcommunity.org/become-a-volunteer/>
 - Mary Albright – Longfellow-Seward Healthy seniors
 - serving residents at Minnehaha commons

- apartment for chronically homeless seniors on lake street
 - physical distancing in mind
 - able to provide masks at the location
 - food distribution grant: pending
 - folks writing hand-written cards to residents, to cheer folks up
- Amanda Tempel
 - Community resource from the MN disability law center
 - Know your rights FAQ
 - Talks about resources are available
 - Lots of information
 - Tries to make sure info goes out in accessible format
 - How to report discrimination, how to support pcas, access to programs and services
 - What folks with disabilities are hearing more and more
 - Folks with Disabilities can't go out
 - Need prioritizations for access; food delivery, prescriptions fulfillments, continuity care and services
 - Consider disability and intersectionality
- Mai Thor (MDHR)
 - On-state level with response to COVID-19 and disability community
 - Many different coordinated efforts for response and recovery
 - Deed- convening weekly calls along with the department of labor and industry
 - Governor's office workgroup to convene and engage communities of color
 - Movement to engage communities with disabilities
 - MSCOD seeking to do more engagement as well
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 - heather.gillich@minneapolis.gov for direct questions about the COVID-19 response;
 - COVID19@minneapolismn.gov for epi and technical guidance thoughts and ideas.
 - City of Minneapolis COVID-19 dashboard:
<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/coronavirus/dashboard>
 - <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/coronavirus/housing-coronavirus>
 - To volunteer to help a senior with yard work please visit our website for info. Senior Community Services <https://seniorcommunity.org/become-a-volunteer/>
 - Erik Hansen
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Business Opening Ideas -
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/a65c5de53a4a44f6b1975b15465163e6>
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 - Please remember to complete the 2020 Census at www.My2020Census.gov or 844-330-2020.
 - <https://disability.umn.edu/> - People with Disability resources
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 - Legal Aid - mndlc@mylegalaid.org
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Our mission: to make Minnesota discrimination free | mn.gov/mdhr
- Christina Kendrick Dept. of Neighborhood and Community Relations
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 - <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2011997> - resource for organizations in assisting people with disabilities
 - People with Disabilities rights information - <https://www.lawhelpmn.org/self-help-library/covid-19-pandemic/disability-rights>