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To: City Council
From: Jeff Lazenby, Finance Director
Date: October 12, 2020
Subject: CARES Act Funding for Community Center Programs

- The City has been allocated a total of \$244,125 in CARES Act funds, which is a federal reimbursement grant distributed by the Washington State Department of Commerce. The grant dollars are restricted to COVID-19 response only.
- To date the City has committed approximately \$184,000 CARES Act dollars for purchase of personal protective equipment, personnel costs specifically related to COVID-19 pandemic response, local business response, and to the County's ReStart program.
- This leaves approximately \$60,000 remaining. All reimbursement requests have to be submitted to the State by **December 15, 2020**.
- In the proposed preliminary **2021** General Fund budget, to address the City's budget shortfall next year no City program funding allocations to the Senior Center and the Boys and Girls Club are included in the budget.
- On October 8, 2020, the Finance Committee had a meeting. At the meeting, the City Manager and Finance Director proposed that the City allocate \$30,000 of its CARES Act funds to the Senior Center and \$30,000 to the Boys and Girls Club for COVID-19 response. The Finance Committee concurred with that proposal.
- **Recommendation:** If the full Council supports the proposal, direct the City Manager to direct staff to prepare a \$30,000 grant agreement to the Senior Center and a \$30,000 grant agreement to the Boys and Girls Club. The grant agreements will be presented to Council for approval at the October 26 Council meeting.