

SUMMARY OF
2020 METRO NASHVILLE - DAVIDSON
CARES ACT FUNDING COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY RESULTS

Q1: Buildings and Improvements, Including Public Facilities

Please rank the needs in accordance with which should have the highest priority for federal funding:

- Construct a facility for testing, diagnosis or treatment. (40%)
- Rehabilitate a community facility to establish an infectious disease treatment clinic. (36%)
- Rehabilitate or create a neighborhood facility space for localized access to needs. (32%)
- Rehabilitate a commercial building or closed school building to establish an infectious disease treatment clinic, e.g., by replacing the HVAC system. (31%)
- Acquire and quickly rehabilitate (if necessary) a motel or hotel building to expand the capacity of hospitals to accommodate isolation of patients during recovery. (31%)
- Make interim improvements to private properties to enable an individual patient to remain quarantined on a temporary basis. (28%)
- Acquire and rehabilitate, or construct a group living facility that may be used to centralize patients undergoing treatment. (26%)

Q2: Assistance to Businesses, including Special Economic Development Assistance

Please rank the following needs in accordance with which should have the highest priority for federal funding:

- Avoid job loss caused by business closures related to social distancing by providing short-term working capital assistance to small businesses to enable retention of jobs held by low- and moderate-income persons. (54%)
- Provide technical assistance, grants, loans and other financial assistance to establish, stabilize and expand microenterprises that provide medical, food delivery, cleaning and other services to support home health and quarantine. (44%)
- Provide grants or loans to support new businesses or business expansion to create jobs and manufacture medical supplies necessary to respond to infectious diseases. (29%)

Q3: Public Services

Please rank the following needs in accordance with which should have the highest priority for federal funding:

- Provide testing, diagnosis or other services at a fixed or mobile location. (69%)
- Emergency rental/mortgage assistance. (68%)
- Provide domestic violence services for persons forced to stay in close contact with abusers. (54%)
- Facilitate transportation or delivery services such as meal delivery, etc., to quarantined individuals or individuals that need to maintain social distancing due to medical vulnerabilities. (48%)
- Provide equipment, supplies, and materials necessary to carry out a public service related to responding to COVID-19. (47%)
- Establish additional food bank locations and increase provisions at those and existing locations. (47%)
- Increase the accessibility of mental health services for people struggling with the effect of isolation due to social distancing. (44%)
- Increase the capacity and availability of targeted health services for infectious disease response within existing health facilities. (41%)
- Carry out job training to expand the pool of health care workers and technicians that are available to treat disease within a community. (31%)
- Provide security programs to decrease crime as tensions mount during an extended stay at home mandates amidst periods of unemployment. (30%)

Thank You for Participating. Please Provide Additional Comments Here:

Responses:

- The need for process and procurement would delay any building projects, potentially beyond when they could make a difference in the community.
- Emergency rental assistance is paramount! If not, once landlords are able, they will evict in droves, which will force people out into the community, increasing the likelihood of a resurgence of the virus. This type of potential mass evictions could also lead to further destabilization of the community. Any funds spent on facilities or services should be done so looking toward the future. Don't waste funds rehabbing a building for a single purpose. The rehab should be done in such a manner that the facility could then be used for something else - like housing the homeless!!! But it could then be converted back if we find ourselves back in this type of situation again. The situation should not be over thought but also should not be acted upon with NO forethought.
- Please update security measures in neighborhoods that are deemed dangerous. Cameras and wooden fences on properties to deter unlawful trespassing. Not suitable to leave areas that single, elderly, or disabled individuals in properties that are not secure. Strict fines for those that trespass and litter MDHA properties. Your guts are too lenient.
- I would love to see assistance for the middle class. If we don't get mortgage assistance, we will be in the lower level needing ALL of the available services instead of just one!
- Federal funding could provide for much needed designated resources (i.e., Universities, etc.) and agencies to better partner for building local and regional relief strategies since Feds don't offer much direction in 2020. Specifically, TEMA could enjoin a more targeted and state to county to city approach so locals can organize responding partnership groups for critical tasks and strategies going forward after economic/social recoil.
- We need an emergency center in the Edgehill community
- Provide grant funds to nonprofits to support the Payroll of an employee during the social distancing crisis. Provide testing center or weekly checks for summer programs that assist children in detecting and avoiding the spread of COVID 19. along with a testing center for children
- These things should have been the status quo in the United States for decades. That we even need to prioritize our health, welfare, and safety over anything else in the wealthiest country on earth is disgusting and tells me we desperately need new leadership in America.
- Top priorities: Acquire hotels to provide housing for people experiencing homelessness. Retrofit those hotels by adding kitchenettes to create permanent housing. I can't believe that assistance to our homeless neighbors is not even one of your options above.
- COVID-19 has revealed both strengths and weaknesses in our nonprofit providers. Moving forward, nonprofits can also retool and help provide the services need to individuals affected by a pandemic or some other type of disaster.