

COVID-19 Ramsey County Financial Summary

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Below is a high-level summary of the costs, obligations and resources related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the emergency declaration in the county. We will issue this report weekly with updates. Any questions can be sent to: COVID19FinanceChief@CO.RAMSEY.MN.US

Summary of Ramsey County COVID-19 actual costs and obligations year-to-date (YTD)

Through 7-17-20			
Child Care		\$1,000,000	Contract for essential employee child care.
Cleaning Supplies		\$16,869	Enhanced cleaning supplies for county buildings.
Communications		\$107,541	Printing, contractor, video equipment and misc.
Corrections		\$109,630	PPE, food, supplies, hot and cold cabinet, and other corrections supplies.
Direct Care		\$122,151	Costs for Ramsey County Care Center and Lake Owasso Residence including PPE, doors and supplies.
Emergency Admin		\$7,337	Admin costs for the Incident Management Team.
Essential Services and Public Health		\$1,041,379	Public Health costs for COVID-19 testing and essential services such as groceries, medicine
Housing		\$8,818,743	Costs to open Mary Hall and Boys Totem Town as well as other housing costs including hotels, food, temporary nursing, cleaning, supplies.
Small Business Assistance		\$5,275,000	CARES Act funding for small business relief programming.
Information Services		\$845,538	Technology costs for county employees, telework and service redesign – computers, software, headsets, cables, contractors.
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)		\$2,030,266	Personal Protective Equipment – masks, gowns, gloves, thermometers, etc. - for all areas including county facilities and Public Health.
Public Safety		\$311,875	Includes supplies for Sheriff and other public safety.
Service Redesign		\$1,022,132	Costs related to reopening services under our redesign efforts including libraries, drop boxes, walk-in areas etc.
Direct Payroll		\$210,486	Direct payroll charged to CARES Act projects
Total non-personnel		\$20,918,947	Through 7-17-20
Total Payroll		\$6,324,763	Through the pay period ending 6-26-20
Total through 7-17-20		\$27,243,710	

Budget Information:

Ramsey County is developing a budget for COVID-19 while we continue to work in high-priority need areas and respond as quickly as possible. We are using \$40 million for immediate response, operations, housing and food security and also investing over \$56 million in the hardest hit areas of our community – workforce, financial assistance and small business supports, as approved by the board on May 26, 2020. Below is more detail on spending for these initiatives. Please watch our website, www.ramseycounty.us, for more information.

- **\$40M for Operating Response**
 - **Homelessness:** \$8.8M for payments and contracts for hotels, staffing, and cleaning.
 - **Public Health and Essential Services:** \$1M contract for COVID testing.
 - **PPE:** \$2.0M spent so far for masks, gloves, gowns and other PPE for county needs.
 - **Other costs:** \$845K spent for information technology needs; \$1.0M for payments and contracts for service redesign; \$1.0M contract for employee childcare.
- **\$56M for Financial, Workforce Development and Small Business Assistance:** more information is available on specific programs here <https://www.ramseycountymeansbusiness.com/covid-19>
 - **Financial Assistance:** General assistance, emergency general assistance and food security work is underway, and contracts are being developed and finalized.
 - **Workforce Development:** Multiple requests for quotes have been released and contracts are being developed.
 - **Small Business Assistance:** \$5.275M contract with MCCD for small business program with about \$1.5M awarded to community to date.

Revenues and Resources:

In Ramsey County we are monitoring estimates for revenue losses in 2020 related to COVID-19. We estimate nearly \$4.8 million in revenue losses in 2020, mainly related to arena closures, decreased revenues in parks and reduced bed capacity in direct care facilities and community corrections. We will continue to update this.

We are also aggressively pursuing funding opportunities to cover COVID-19 related costs. Below is more detail on the revenue received so far and pending applications.

We have **received** the following funding:

- Federal CARES Act Local Funding - \$96.027 million through the Treasury for local governments.
- Federal CARES Act Provider Relief Fund – Ramsey County Care Center - \$847,000 based on Medicare fee-for-service billing.
- State Department of Health- Public Health Funds - \$509,000 for COVID-19 work.
- State Department of Human Services - Homelessness grant funds - \$1.77 million for shelter capacity, hygiene/cleaning and staffing (for March-May).
- Federal CARES Act Community Development Block Grant Funding - \$685,000K based on a federal formula.
- Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) Funds - \$58,000 awarded for emergency management response.
- Federal Department of Justice - \$58,008 awarded for law enforcement in the Sheriff Office.

We will soon **submit** an application to the State Department of Human Services for our homelessness response for June. We continue to work on **applying for** Federal Disaster Recovery funds (on-going process).