

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 8-26-20			
Child Care		\$1,000,000	Contract for essential employee child care.
Cleaning Supplies		\$69,357	Enhanced cleaning supplies for county buildings.
Communications		\$107,543	Printing, contractor, video equipment and misc.
Corrections		\$122,626	PPE, food, supplies, hot and cold cabinet, and other corrections supplies.
Direct Care		\$167,835	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		\$1,221,058	Public Health costs for COVID-19 testing and essential services such as groceries, medicine
Information Services		\$915,147	Technology costs for county employees, telework and service redesign – computers, software, headsets, cables, contractors.
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)		\$2,446,898	Personal Protective Equipment – masks, gowns, gloves, thermometers, etc. - for all areas including county facilities and Public Health.
Public Safety		\$406,216	Includes supplies for Sheriff and other public safety.
RECERT Initiatives		\$330,000	Community Engagement and Racial Equity work
Service Redesign		\$1,124,818	Costs related to reopening services under our redesign efforts including libraries, drop boxes, walk-in areas etc.
Food and Financial Assistance		\$17,279,917	CARES Act funding for food and financial assistance
Workforce Solutions		\$7,739,858	CARES Act funding for workforce assistance
Small Business Assistance		\$5,275,000	CARES Act funding for small business relief programming.
Housing/Homelessness		\$10,230,835	Costs to open Mary Hall and Boys Totem Town as well as other housing costs including hotels, food, temporary nursing, cleaning, supplies.
Direct Payroll		\$475,887	Direct payroll charged to CARES Act projects
Total non-personnel		\$48,920,331	Through 8-26-20
Total Payroll		\$8,062,552	Through the pay period ending 8-7-20
Total through 8-26-20		\$56,982,884	

Budget Information:

Ramsey County developed a budget for COVID-19 while working in high-priority need areas and responding as quickly as possible. We are using \$24 million for immediate response, direct care, public safety, public health and operations, and also investing over \$72 million in the hardest hit areas of our community – homelessness, workforce, financial assistance and small business supports, as approved by the board on May 26, 2020 and July 21, 2020. Below is more detail on spending for these initiatives. Please see our website, www.ramseycounty.us/rise, for more information.

- **\$24M for Operating Response**
 - **Public Health and Essential Services:** \$1.2M contract for COVID testing and other costs.
 - **PPE:** \$2.45M spent so far for masks, gloves, gowns and other PPE for county needs.
 - **Other costs:** \$915K spent for information technology needs; \$1.1M for payments and contracts for service redesign; \$1.0M contract for employee childcare.
- **\$72M for Financial, Workforce Development, Small Business Assistance and Homelessness:**
 - **Food and Financial Assistance:** \$17 million in contracts and costs.
 - Applications are increasing for financial assistance.
 - Five meal delivery contracts have been executed and the first meals were delivered. Four pantry contracts have been executed.
 - **Workforce Development:** \$7.7 million in contracts and costs
 - Almost all of the contracts have been executed and vendor orientations are being provided.
 - **Small Business Assistance:** \$5.275 million contract with M CCD for small business program with \$3.35 million given out to the community.
 - **Homelessness:** \$10.2 million for payments and contracts for Mary Hall, Boys Totem Town, hotels, staffing, and cleaning.

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 monitor 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 - \$1.1 million 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 - \$2.6 million for shelter capacity, hygiene/cleaning and staffing (for March-June).
- Federal CARES Act Community Development Block Grant Funding - \$685,000 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 continue to work on **applying for** Federal Disaster Recovery funds (on-going process).