



Council Agenda Form

MOTION #		DRAFT #
DATE SUBMITTED:	DATE TO GO BEFORE COUNCIL: LEAVE BLANK	
SUBMITTED BY: Solomon		
CO-SPONSORS: Spell-Wolf, Schiabe, Simasek, Haba, Peabody, Switter		
DEPARTMENT: Legislative		

TITLE OF MOTION: COVID-19 Pandemic Relief Fund – Reappropriation for Professional Trades

RECOMMENDATION:

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the use of the remaining \$80K in the Hyattsville COVID-19 Pandemic Relief Fund Grants for Working Artists to cover costs for both the Working Artists fund and a newly established Professional Trades fund. Professional Trades eligibility will be limited to include barbers, cosmetologists, pet groomers, and tattoo artists licensed by the State of Maryland or Prince George’s County (where required for legal operation) and currently working in a business registered within the corporate limits of the City of Hyattsville.

I further move that the maximum award for applicants for both Working Artists and Professional Trade funds be limited to \$750.00 per award, per three (3) month cycle for Hyattsville residents and \$300.00 per award, per three (3) month cycle for non-Hyattsville residents working in the City of Hyattsville. Funding shall be made available in FY2021 starting April 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021.

SUMMARY BACKGROUND:

The current definition of artists eligible for the Pandemic Relief fund excludes certain categories of artistry. The Working Artists fund contains 80K, this broader definition and award adjustment would allow approximately 165 award recipients to licensed workers and small businesses impacted by COVID shutdowns and loss of foot traffic in Hyattsville business corridors.

ANTICIPATED STAFF RESOURCES REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT:

Staff will be required to revise the existing application and will specify supplemental materials that will be required to be submitted by applicants, including a copy of applicable licenses and an affidavit from the licensed place of business.

NEXT STEPS:

In order for the City to proceed with an April 1, 2021 start date for the program, the City Council will need to adopt action on, or prior to March 15, 2021.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR / DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR COMMENT:

Staff anticipates that eligibility will remain limited to individuals residing in the incorporated limits of the City of Hyattsville.

'Tattoo' artisans are subject to regulations of Prince George's County Department of Health, but do not require licensing through the State of Maryland Department of Labor – Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, as is required for barbers or cosmetologists.

It is unclear whether Pet Grooming professionals are required to maintain a State of Maryland or Prince George's County. Prince George's County does require a license to operate a Pet Grooming facility, however it does not appear that the individual professional needs to maintain any specific certification or license.

The absence of an assigned license to an individual will make it difficult to assess whether a specific applicant has performed the specified eligible task.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

FISCAL IMPACT:

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

If approved by City Council, the City will prepare communications in advance of April 1, 2021.

STRATEGIC GOALS AND ACTIONS:

Goal 2 - Ensure the long-term economic viability of the of the City, Action 2.5

LEGAL REVIEW REQUIRED?:

Provided that eligibility is limited to residents, legal review has been satisfied.