

CTCL Provides \$3.5 Million Safe Voting Grant to the City of Detroit

On August 24, 2020 CTCL continued its partisan political pattern of granting money for safe elections to only cities and counties that are Democratic strongholds in battleground states. CTCL granted the City of Detroit \$3.5 million (Exhibit 168) for safe elections after Complainant submitted his initial sworn WEC complaint. In Detroit's 2020 presidential primary, Detroit voters cast 98% of their ballots for Democrats and 2% for Republicans (Exhibit 169). In the November 8, 2016 presidential election, Detroit Democratic voters cast 95% of their vote for Hillary Clinton and Republicans cast 3% of the vote for Donald Trump (Exhibit 170).

CTCL Provides a \$440,000 Grant to Lansing, Michigan

On September 4, 2020 the City of Lansing, Michigan announced that the City received a \$440,000 Grant from CTCL (Exhibit 179). Once again the Lansing grant fits CTCL's pattern of granting money to a heavily Democratic city in a battleground state. The City of Lansing is mostly in Ingham County. In the 2020 primary, Ingham County voted 81% Democrat and 19% Republican. Complainant maintains the percentage of Lansing's Democratic vote was higher than Ingham County's 81% Democratic vote.

Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope said, "The group (CTCL) approached Lansing about the grant, and that the size of the grant surprised him (Exhibit 179)." Clerk Swope's admission that CTCL initiated Lansing's \$440,000 CTCL grant is proof of complainant's claim that CTCL does not follow proper protocols for issuing grants. Furthermore, CTCL initiating its \$440,000 Lansing grant is proof that CTCL preselected or targeted its grants to heavily Democratic cities.

As with the City of Lansing, Complainant maintains that CTCL initiated its \$6.3 million grant to Wisconsin's five largest and most Democratic cities because CTCL sought to enhance Democrat Joe Biden's chances of winning Wisconsin's 10 electoral votes. The WEC investigator who is reviewing this complaint can ask the mayor and clerks of

Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay, Racine and Kenosha the following question, “Did CTCL initiate your City’s portion of CTCL’s \$6.3 million grant?” If no, then “How did you learn CTCL was granting money for safe elections?”

Center for Tech and Civic Life’s Grants to Democratic Strongholds in Three Battleground States

State of Wisconsin

City	CTCL Grant	Dem. Vote	Rep. Vote	Trump’s 2016 WI Win	Trump’s 2016 WI Win in Votes
Milwaukee	\$2,154,500	85%	14%	0.77%	22,748
Madison	\$1,271,788	70%	23%	0.77%	22,748
Green Bay	\$1,093,400	58%	42%	0.77%	22,748
Racine	\$942,100	72%	28%	0.77%	22,748
Kenosha	\$862,779	69%	31%	0.77%	22,748
Total CTCL WI Grant	\$6.32 Million				

State of Pennsylvania

City/County	CTCL Grant	Dem. Vote	Rep. Vote	Trump's 2016 Pa Win	Trump's 2016 PA Win in Votes
Delaware County	\$2,200,000	65%	35%	0.72%	44,292
Philadelphia	\$10,000,000	92.1%	7.9%	0.72%	44,292
Total CTCL PA Grant	\$12.2 Million				

State of Michigan

City	CTCL Grant	Dem. Vote	Rep. Vote	Trump's 2016 MI Win	Trump's 2016 MI Win in votes
Detroit	\$3,512,000	98%	2%	0.23%	10,704
Lansing	\$440,000	81%	19%	0.23%	10,704
Total CTCL MI Grant	\$3.95 Million				

The above tables summarize CTCL's grants to 8 cities and 1 county in three battleground states. All of CTCL's grants went to a city or county that votes at least 58% or more Democratic. CTCL's largest grant went to Philadelphia, PA which voted 92% Democratic in the 2020 presidential primary. CTCL's second largest grant went to Detroit, MI which voted 98% Democratic in the 2020 presidential primary.

CTCL's largest grant to a Wisconsin city went to Milwaukee which voted 85% Democratic in the 2020 presidential primary. CTCL's second largest grant to a Wisconsin city went to Madison which voted at least 70% Democratic in the 2020 presidential primary. Complainant used Dane County 2020 primary election results because the City of Madison is included in Dane County's vote totals. Complainant

believes the City of Madison's percentage of Democratic votes cast on April 7, 2020 was higher than the 70% Democratic votes cast in Dane County.

CTCL's Changed How the Organization Awards Grants

CTCL announced on September 1, 2020 that it received \$250 million from Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg and his wife Priscilla Chan. CTCL intends to dole out the \$250 million in grants to election commissions throughout the U.S. However, the manner in which CTCL is distributing the \$250 million grant money is quite different than how it awarded its grants to Wisconsin five largest cities.

Previously when CTCL announced the organization's Rural Grants, it said, "Stay tuned to learn more about the grants, recipients, and how the funds have been utilized by local election officials (Exhibit 2). Several days after Complainant posted his WEC complaint online and criticized CTCL for unprofessional and biased grants, CTCL changed how the organization distributes its safe voting grants. On September 1, 2020 CTCL published and called for potential grant recipients to fill out CTCL grant applications (Exhibits 171 and 172). A public request for grant recipients wasn't done in the awarding of a \$6.3 million grant to Wisconsin's five largest cities. The change in CTCL's grant procedures is CTCL's admission that CTCL did not follow proper grant protocols before awarding a \$6.3 million grant to Wisconsin's five largest cities.

On CTCL's FAQ grant page, CTCL partially explained how it will determine the amount of funding for a city or county. "Your election office will be eligible to apply for a grant amount based on a formula that considers the citizen voting age population and other demographic data of your jurisdiction. (Exhibit 173)." CTCL did not use an objective funding formula when it granted the five largest Wisconsin cities \$6.3 million.

Complainant sent CTCL a request for its complete funding formula. Complainant plans to apply CTCL's funding formula to the Wisconsin's five largest cities of Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay, Kenosha, and Racine. After Complainant uses CTCL's funding

formula for Wisconsin's five largest cities, Complainant will compare the cities of Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay, Kenosha, and Racine's actual \$6.3 million grant amount with the grant amount that the cities would have received if CTCL's funding formula was used.

CTCL has No Employee, Board Member, or Adviser with Medical Expertise

CTCL's 2020 grants are either called "Safe Voting Grants" or "COVID-19 Response Grants." Based on CTCL grant monikers of "Safe Voting" or COVID-19 Response," CTCL is using the pretense of protecting voters' from COVID-19 as a means to grant money to cities and counties that vote heavily Democratic in battleground states. In a CTCL webinar training video on "Implementing public health guidelines for voting locations," CTCL's Training Associate Dylan Lynch said, "We don't want to provide any incorrect advice or guidelines. We are not really in public health. We are really relying on experts to help us." The COVID-19 expert advice CTCL is disseminating is only from a limited number of public health articles, brochures and studies.

To justify the need for CTCL's \$300 million safe voting and COVID-19 grants, CTCL quoted only one article, "Estimated Costs of Covid-19 Election Resiliency Measures (Exhibit 174)." The Brennan Center for Justice published this COVID-19 election cost article. The five authors of this article don't have a degree in science or medicine. The article has no footnotes and wasn't published in a peer review journal.

The Brennan Center is named after left-of-center former Supreme Court Justice William Brennan. Brennan was a judicial activist, which is the exact opposite of President Trump supreme court appointments who subscribe to the originalist theory of the U.S. Constitution. "While the group purports to be "nonpartisan," it has received substantial funding from George Soros-associated organizations, and is mainly funded by left-leaning organizations (Exhibit 175)." CTCL sought to justify its politically motivated grants by using information from the Brennan Center, which shares the same Democratic political views and goal of removing President Trump from office.

CTCL is granting nearly \$300 million to U.S. election commissions for the medical purpose of protecting voters from COVID-19. CTCL is an organization that doesn't have one medical expert on its staff, board, or advisory committee. Not one CTCL employee, board member, or advisory committee member has an infectious disease degree, medical degree, or public health degree. The staff of CTCL consists of 21 employees. Not one CTCL employee has any kind of a medical degree (Exhibit 176). There are five members on CTCL's Board of Directors. Not one board member works in the field of medicine (Exhibit 177). CTCL has 10 members on its Advisory Committee. Not one CTCL Advisory Committee member is employed in the field of public health (178). Because none of CTCL's 21 employees, 5 board members and 10 Advisory Committee has a medical degree or is an expert in infectious diseases, CTCL had no legal right or medical authority to associate CTCL's Safe Voting and COVID-19 grants with the current pandemic.

The basis of CTCL's \$6.3 million grant to the five largest Wisconsin cities is public health; however, CTCL has no prior public health experience and no public health expert on its staff in which the CTCL could have properly concluded its Wisconsin's \$6.3 million grant was a public health necessity in only 5 of Wisconsin's 190 cities. Without CTCL's baseless COVID-19 scare tactic, CTCL has no justifiable reason for its Wisconsin Safe Voting grant. CTCL employees have neither the medical credentials nor the medical knowledge to decide what is in the best interest of Wisconsin's public health.

CTCL Executive Director Tiana Epps-Johnson is the mastermind behind CTCL's COVID-19 scam of redistributing \$300 million from liberal donors as COVID-19 Response grants. Epps-Johnson stands to personally profit from CTCL's grants. CTCL's 2018 Form 990 lists Epps-Johnson yearly salary at \$102,000 (Exhibit 7). Nonprofit executive directors are compensated between 1% to 2.5% of its budget. Given that CTCL's budget increased to \$300 million in 2020, Epps-Johnson's yearly salary will most likely jump from \$102,000 to between \$300,000 and \$750,000. CTCL's

other paid employees will also reap financial rewards from CTCL's 2020 election interference. CTCL employees stand to profit handsomely for helping Democrat Joe Biden win Wisconsin's 10 electoral votes.

Wisconsin voters are victims of CTCL's fraud in two ways: 1. CTCL's \$6.3 million grant wasn't based on the organization's medical experience or medical expertise. CTCL provided its \$6.3 million grant to Wisconsin's five largest cities because CTCL sought to increase Democrat Joe Biden's chances of winning Wisconsin's 10 electoral votes. CTCL's COVID-19 excuse for its \$6.3 million grant was merely a means for increasing Democrat Joe Biden's Wisconsin's statewide vote total. 2. CTCL is not nonpartisan as the five Wisconsin mayors claimed three times in their July 6, 2020 Press Release (Exhibit 1). CTCL Executive Director Epps-Johnson and Director May committed fraud because they claim CTCL's motives and actions are nonpartisan.

Because of CTCL's \$6.3 million grant to five Wisconsin cities, CTCL Executive Director Epps-Johnson and Director of Government Services May are *quasi-election officials*. It would be inappropriate for WEC commissioners and Wisconsin county election commissioners to make partisan social media comments like CTCL's Epps-Johnson and May did (Exhibits 12 through Exhibit 159). If WEC commissioners or Wisconsin county election commissioners put 150 anti-Republican or pro-Democrat posts on social media as Epps-Johnson and May did, they would be removed or forced to resign from their election commission positions.

Remedies

The longer it takes to decide whether or not CTCL's \$6.3 grant to Wisconsin five largest cities was proper, the more impact CTCL's grant will have on the November 3, 2020 presidential election.

Because of absentee ballot fraud in 2019, the North Carolina State Board of Elections ordered a new election in the 9th congressional district of North Carolina. CTCL's \$6.3

million grant to Wisconsin's five largest cities impacts substantially more Wisconsin voters than the 900 absentee ballots that were questioned in the disputed North Carolina congressional election. The North Carolina State Election Board had to wait until after the election to rectify the vote fraud. By declaring CTCL's \$6.3 million grant a partisan grant that CTCL is using to increase Democrat Joe Biden's statewide vote total, the WEC can act proactively before the November 3, 2020 presidential election instead of after the election.

In 2016 President Trump won Wisconsin's 10 electoral votes by just .77% or 22,748 votes. The 2020 presidential election in Wisconsin will be another razor thin election. CTCL's \$6.3 million grant to the five Wisconsin cities with the highest Democratic vote can easily be the difference between who wins and who loses Wisconsin's 10 electoral votes. Rather than a bitter legal battle over CTCL's \$6.3 million grant to Wisconsin's five most Democratic strongholds and a possible redo of Wisconsin's presidential election, it is prudent for the WEC to immediately remedy CTCL's \$6.3 grant with the following:

1. The mayors and clerks of Wisconsin's five largest cities renounce CTCL's \$6.3 million grant. As with the initial acceptance of CTCL's \$6.3 million grant, the mayors of Wisconsin's five largest cities publicly explain why they are renouncing CTCL's grant, including the mentioning of this WEC sworn complaint.
2. The mayors and clerks of Wisconsin's five largest cities return the unspent portion of CTCL's grant to CTCL.
3. Each mayor and clerk of Wisconsin's five largest cities provide a full accounting of the CTCL grant money that the City either spent or returned.
4. The five largest Wisconsin's cities that accepted CTCL's grant money must provide funding to comparable Wisconsin election jurisdictions in Republican voting strongholds equal to the amount of CTCL's grant money that it spent. By applying and accepting CTCL's \$6.3 million grant, the Democratic mayors of Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay, Kenosha, and Racine created an unfair advantage for Democrat Joe Biden. Since the five Democratic mayors and their cities are

financially responsible for causing an unfair presidential election in Wisconsin, they should pay the cost to remedy it.

5. Refer CTCL's \$6.3 grant to Wisconsin's five largest cities, CTCL's Executive Director Epps-Johnson, and CTCL's Director May for criminal investigation and prosecution.

Exhibits for this Amendment

- 168.** City of Detroit, Legislative Policy Division, page 16
- 169.** Detroit's 2020 Presidential Primary Results
- 170.** Detroit's 2016 General Presidential Election Results
- 171.** CTCL Grant Announcement
- 172.** CTCL Grant Application
- 173.** CTCL Funding Formula
- 174.** "Estimated Costs of Covid-19 Election Resiliency Measures" Article
- 175.** William J. Brennan Center for Justice - InfluenceWatch
- 176.** The names and job titles of 21 CTCL Employees
- 177.** The names and bios of 5 Members who serve on CTCL's Board of Directors
- 178.** The names and bios of 10 Members who serve on CTCL's Advisory Committee
- 179.** "The city of Lansing has received a grant of more than \$440,000 for election-related upgrades"

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TO: The Honorable City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director
Legislative Policy Division Staff

DATE: August 25, 2020

RE: **REVIEW OF CONTRACTS, PURCHASE ORDERS AND GRANTS SUBMITTED
THE WEEK OF AUGUST 24, 2020 UNDER THE RECESS PROCEDURES**

Attached are the contracts that were submitted by the Office of Contracting and Procurement, under the recess procedures, for the week of August 24, 2020. This list includes the comments and review of the Legislative Policy Division. This list also includes grant applications and grant and donations awarded to the City, submitted by the Office of Grants Management, for your consideration.

Recess procedures provide that contracts and grants submitted for the week are considered approved on Thursday, unless held by a Council Member. Council Members are requested to provide requests to hold contract(s) or grant(s), with your questions or concerns, to Louise Jones and Deonte Agee, City Clerk's Office, by 4 pm, Wednesday, August 26, 2020. Contracts and grants that are not held, will be considered **approved and processed** on Thursday, August 27, 2020.

The comments and review of the Legislative Policy Division staff are printed in bold following each contract and grant.

Attachments

cc:

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Contracts Submitted to City Council
 Under Recess Procedures for the
 Week of August 24, 2020

Statistics compiled for the Contracts submitted through City Council recess procedures for the Week of August 10, 2020.

Department	No. of Contracts or Purchase Orders	Detroit-Based Business Bids	Change, Extension Increases, Renewals	Located in Detroit
Demolition 2 Emergency contracts	2	0	0	2
Fire 1 Emergency COVID-19 contract	2	0	0	2
General Services 1 Contract for renovation of Police facility	1	0	0	0
Health 1 Staffing contract to address COVID-19 requirements	1	0	0	0
Housing & Revital. 1 Shelter/quarantine contract for homeless	2	0	1 Amendment	2
Law	1	0	1 Amendment	0
Public Works	4	0	1 Amendment	3
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Totals	13	0 Detroit-Based Bids	3 Amendments	9

This list also includes requests to authorize Applications for 3 Grants, and to Accept 10 Grants and Donations awarded to the City.

Contracts Submitted to City Council
Through Recess Procedures for the
Week of August 17, 2020

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Statistics compiled for the Contracts submitted through recess procedures for the Week of August 24 2020.

This list represents costs totaling \$ 7,353,478.41¹
Including 2 Demolition contracts for total of \$65,670

Included in the total costs are the following:

General Fund	\$ 250,000.00
Blight-COVID-19 Response Fund	\$ 1,087,469.29
Blight-Demolition Fund	\$ 65,670.00
Bond Fund	\$ 300,000.00
Grants Fund	\$ 493,500.00
Street Improvement Bond	\$ 1,813,774.12
Street Funds	\$ 3,343,065.00

3 Grant Applications for \$9,712,000.00

10 Grants, Donations or In-Kind Services for a total of \$1,793,232.00

¹ The contract list includes: 3 Amendments to add funds & / or extend the contract term; 8 Contracts for 1 time payments and terms of 9 months to 5 years; and 2 Emergency Demolition contracts.

TO: THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: David Whitaker, Director
Legislative Policy Division Staff

DATE: August 24, 2020

RE: **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASE ORDERS SCHEDULED TO BE
CONSIDERED THE WEEK OF AUGUST 24, 2020**

FIRE

3044677 100% City Funding – To Provide Covid-19 Weekly Decontamination Services for the Fire Houses. – Contractor: Rickman Enterprise Group, LLC – Location: 15533 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, MI 48238 – Contract Period: July 1, 2020 through September 8, 2020 – Total Contract Amount: \$69,003.88.

Will Apply for Reimbursement from Federal COVID-19 Funding Source

Costs budgeted to Blight Reinvestment Fund, Acct. 1003-20785-350011-628500-350999-0-0, Appropriation for COVID-19 Response includes available funding of \$79,443,439 as of Aug. 21, 2020.

This purchase order was authorized, as an emergency, without soliciting bids by Office of Contracting and Procurement on July 24, 2020; to continue the services of the vendor to provide equipment and labor for cleaning services to the Fire Department.

This purchase order, for a cost of \$69,003.88 is indicated to be for the period from July 6, 2020 through September 8, 2020 [9 weeks at approximately \$7,667.10 per week].

Covenant of Equal Opportunity Affidavit signed 8-5-20;

TAXES: Good Through 1-31-21;

Hiring Policy Compliance Affidavit signed 8-5-20, Employment application submitted complies;

Slavery Era, Prison Industry and Immigrant Detention System records disclosure Affidavit signed 8-5-20, indicating NO records of income, investment or use of labor from these systems;

Political Contributions and Expenditures Statement signed 8-5-20, indicating 5 contributions in 2017 – 2018, including 2 to the Mayor, 2 to Council Member, & 1 to City Clerk candidate.

Rickman Enterprises was also awarded 2 emergency purchase orders, through the authorization for emergency purchases to address the COVID-19 pandemic; PO's 3043359 and 3043592 were issued on May 1, 2020 for cost of \$87,935.30 to provide weekly decontamination and cleaning services of Firehouses and equipment.

Fire Dept. - continued

3044691 100% City Funding – To Pay Outstanding Invoices for Emergency Covid-19 Weekly Decontamination Services for the Fire Houses from May through June 2020. – Contractor: Rickman Enterprise Group, LLC – Location: 15533 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, MI 48238 – Contract Period: May 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 – Total Contract Amount: \$51,577.41.

Will Apply for Reimbursement from Federal COVID-19 Funding Source

Costs budgeted to Blight Reinvestment Fund, Acct. 1003-20785-350011-628500-350999-0-0, Appropriation for COVID-19 Response includes available funding of \$79,443,439 as of Aug. 21, 2020.

This purchase order was authorized, as an emergency, without soliciting bids by Office of Contracting and Procurement on Aug. 7, 2020; to continue the services of the vendor to provide equipment and labor for Decontamination cleaning services to the Fire Department.

This purchase order, for a cost of \$51,577.41 is indicated to be for the 3-week period from June 1, 2020 through June 21, 2020 [3 weeks at approximately \$17,192.47 per week].

The higher weekly costs may be due to these services are indicated to be for Decontamination cleaning; the preceding purchase order, 3044677 for the period from July 6 through Sept. 8, 2020 is for cleaning services, only.

City Council may note, that 2 weeks of cleaning, from June 22 through July 5, 2020 are not covered by the 2 Purchase Orders in this list.

Covenant of Equal Opportunity Affidavit signed 8-5-20;

TAXES: Good Through 1-31-21;

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GENERAL SERVICES

6002959 100% 2018 UTGO Bond Funding – To Provide 9th Precinct Locker Room Renovations. – Contractor: DeAngelis Diamond Construction, LLC – Location: 3955 Orchard Hill Place Suite 235, Novi, MI 48375 – Contract Period: Upon City Council Approval through August 31, 2021 – Total Contract Amount: \$300,000.00.

Costs budgeted to Bond Fund, Acct. 4503-21001-470010-631100-474005-02009-0, Appropriation for 2018 UTGO Bond includes available funding of \$28,323,310 as of August 21, 2020.

Proposals were solicited and evaluated on: Capability & Qualifications, Method of Approach, Vendor Experience and Price; 7 Proposals were received and evaluated.

This recommendation is for the Highest ranked and the Lowest cost proposal from DeAngelis Diamond bidding \$292,373.01.

DeAngelis Diamond is based in Naples, Florida; Regional office in Novi, MI; and a Detroit office at 607 Shelby Street.

Services to include the complete renovation of the 9th Precinct men’s and women’s locker rooms, to include: disposal of old lockers, Install new lockers; Remove and replace benches & pedestals; Remove and replace partitions and countertops; Install new LED lighting and Repainting locker rooms; an additional service will be an asbestos survey of the facility.

Costs include: Lockers for \$169,309.18; Benches for \$5,834.83; new Lighting for \$17,234.83; Partitions for \$8,809.83; Toilet fixtures for \$1,896.50; Bathroom dispensers for \$2,764.83; Sinks/Millwork for \$22,030.83; Showers for \$7,634.83; Paint for \$14,084.83; Floor for \$2,558.16; Asbestos Survey for \$1,269; General Conditions for \$13,635; Additional Services for \$32,937.35.

Identified subcontractors include: Detroit businesses - DES Electric and Ben Washington & Sons; Other subcontractors - Division 10, Pro Touch, Detroit Spectrum, GD Top Notch Cleaning, and Welker Millwork.

Other Proposals received, in order of rank, include: LLP Construction for \$294,909; KEO & Associates for \$300,139.84; Gandol for \$333,416.16; Cross Construction for \$399,850; W-3 Construction for \$353,604.50; and The Diamond Firm for \$370,000.

Covenant of Equal Opportunity Affidavit signed 7-16-20;

TAXES: Good Through 7-24-21;

Hiring Policy Compliance Affidavit signed 7-15-20, Employment application submitted complies;

Slavery Era, Records disclosure Affidavit signed 5-18-20, indicating NO records to disclose;

Political Contributions and Expenditures Statement signed 5-18-20, No contributions identified.

Previous contract awarded to DeAngelis Diamond, No. 6002509, approved Nov. 26, 2019, for restoration of the seawall and renovation to the Fireboat station for \$540,000.

HEALTH

6002914 100% City Funding – To Provide Covid-19 Staffing for the Health Department on an As Needed Basis Under Direction of the Director of Operations or Designee. – Contractor: Maxim Healthcare Staffing – Location: 5300 Patterson Avenue SE Suite 125, Grand Rapids, MI 49512 – Contract Period: Upon City Council Approval through June 30, 2021 – Total Contract Amount: \$966,888.00. *Will Apply for Reimbursement from Federal COVID-19 Funding Source*

Costs budgeted to Blight Reinvestment Funds, Acct. 1003-20785-350011-617900-350999-30036, Appropriation for COVID-19 Response includes available funding of \$79,443,439 as of Aug. 21, 2020.

Request for Proposals [RFP] was advertised for firms to provide staffing services for Medical professionals [RNs, LPNs & Medical Assistants], Call Center phone Representatives, and cleaning staff for the Animal Shelter. These services previously provided through emergency procurements authorized to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

RFP was advertised from June 1, 2020 through June 4, 2020; 7 responses were received and evaluated on June 5, 2020. 2 Responses were determined to not meet minimum qualifications and rejected; Remaining 5 Proposals evaluated on Experience & Qualifications, Engagement Approach, and Pricing.

This recommendation is for the approval of the 3 Highest-ranked proposals, received from: Arrow Strategies, Premier Staff Services, and Maxim [*contract currently in process*].

This proposed contract with Maxim Healthcare is for a period through June 2021, and costs not to exceed \$966,888.

Previous contracts with Arrow Strategies [6002909] for \$3,363,360 and Premier Staff Services [6002910] for \$1,227,096 both for period through June 30, 2021, were Approved July 28, 2020.

Other evaluated proposals received from: 22nd Century, and Aerotek.

Dept. to submit request [job order] for temporary staff to the vendor, including position, job description, minimum requirements, length of assignment, start date, City Manager.

Vendor will provide candidate name, resume, hourly bill rate.

City reserves right to interview candidates and select best candidate for position. Positions are expected to be filled within 7 to 10 business days; Sometimes in 3 to 5 days or fewer.

Hourly rates include: RNs for \$46.25 to \$75.40 for overtime; LPNs for \$36.50 to \$58.18 for overtime; Medical Assistants for \$28.15 to \$38.68 for overtime; Phone Representative for \$26.50 or \$34.45 overtime; and a Mark-up rate of 66%.

All contracted staff assigned to perform work on City premises will be subject to review of their criminal history record information through MI State Police, specifically to identify any disqualifying offenses as defined in Health Care Worker Background Check Code.

Covenant of Equal Opportunity Affidavit signed 6-16-20;

TAXES: Good Through ;

Hiring Policy Compliance Affidavit signed 6-16-20, Required to comply with Health Care Worker Check; Slavery Era, Prison Industry and Immigrant Detention System records disclosure Affidavit signed 6-16-20, indicating NO records of income, investment or use of labor from Slavery or Prison Industry, *However do have records of income from Immigrant Detention facilities that are available upon request;*

Political Contributions and Expenditures Statement signed 6-16-20, indicating “None”.

HOUSING AND REVITALIZATION

6003042 100% Federal Funding – To Provide a Homeless Shelter and Quarantine Site in Response to Public Health and Safety Issues for the Covid-19 Pandemic. – Contractor: Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries – Location: 150 Stimson Street, Detroit, MI 48201 – Contract Period: Upon City Council Approval through June 30, 2021 – Total Contract Amount: \$493,500.00.

Will Apply for Reimbursement from Federal COVID-19 Funding Source

Costs budgeted to Federal HUD Grants Fund, Acct. 2002-20814-360089-651147-350999-0, Appropriation for ESG-CV Cares Act includes available funds of \$8,143,730 as of August 21, 2020.

This contract was authorized as an Emergency contract, by the Office of Contracting and Procurement, to provide a COVID-19 quarantine for individuals that may be homeless or without shelter. The Detroit Rescue Mission was identified as the only organization with the required space and experience to operate a quarantine facility.

The quarantine facility is to provide a place for homeless residents to shelter in place whether they carry the COVID virus or not.

Fund for this contract is from the Emergency Solutions Grant –CV CARES, authorized through the CARES Act for fiscal year 2020 – 2021.

Grant funding to enable the Agency to provide all routine building maintenance, grass cutting, snow removal, elevator maintenance, HVAC, plumbing and electrical maintenance, to pay for all utilities at the site including gas, electric, water, sewerage, drainage, phone, fax and internet.

The Agency to provide to residents at least 3 meals and 2 snacks daily.

Budgeted costs include: \$300,000 for the City's use of the site, through June 30, 2021 as a quarantine and homeless care facility, for all insurance and building maintenance services, and outside services of snow removal or grass cutting; \$100,000 for all actual utility costs, including phone, fax and internet; \$75,000 for meals & snacks - meals and drinks to be charged at \$10 per day per client; \$10,000 for clean linen sets per week - sheets, blankets, pillowcases & towels – for each person seeking shelter; Administrative fee of \$8,500.

Covenant of Equal Opportunity Affidavit signed - *Not Dated*;

TAXES: Good Through 7-16-21;

Hiring Policy Compliance Affidavit signed 7-6-20, Employment application submitted complies;

Slavery Era, Prison Industry and Immigrant Detention System records disclosure Affidavit signed 7-6-20, indicating NO records of income, investment or use of labor from these systems;

Political Contributions and Expenditures Statement signed 7-6-20, indicating “N/A”.

Previous contract 6002817 with Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, submitted and approved the Week of April 20, 2020, for a cost of \$510,000 and a term of 6 months, through Sept. 30, 2020, [\$85,000 per month] to provide space and manage a Quarantine site, for up to 124 individuals.

A 2nd contract, 6002818 was also approved with The Salvation Army for \$600,000, thru Sept. 30, 2020 to manage & staff a quarantine facility for homeless individuals.

Housing and Revitalization Dept. - *continued*

6002089 100% Federal Funding – AMEND 2 – To Provide an Extension of Time Only for Recreation and Wellness Services. – Contractor: People's Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit – Location: 420 South Leigh Street, Detroit, MI, 48209 – Contract Period: Upon City Council Approval through December 31, 2020 – Total Contract Amount: \$76,831.00.

Time Extension Only. Previous Amended Contract Period: January 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020

Costs budgeted to Block Grant Fund, Acct. 2001-05428-360522-651147-0-0, Appropriation for People's Community Services includes available funding of \$76,881 as of August 21, 2020.

This request is for an extension of time, only, for 4 months from September 1, through Dec. 31, 2020; Delays and changes in programs have been due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

There is no request to increase the funding previously authorized for \$76,831.

The funding for this contract was approved as part of the 2018-19 CDBG grant awards by City Council, for youth programming services provided by People's Community Services, for the period through March 31, 2020.

Amendment 1 to the contract, to extend the contract 5 months, through August 31, 2020, was submitted and approved the Week of April 20, 2020.

Contract services include: Wellness and Recreation programs in the Delray Neighborhood House, including the Agency's Boundless Playground; programs include: Art, Cooking, Tutoring, Open Gym, Team sports and computer skills training.

Services estimated to be provided for 300 youth.

Budgeted contract costs include: Administrative expense for \$5,067; Program expenses - for supplies, communications, bus fuel - for \$9,140; Operating costs - for Manager, Youth worker, Bus driver, utilities and insurance costs - for \$62,624.

Covenant of Equal Opportunity Affidavit signed 5-30-19;

TAXES: Good Through 3-31-21;

Hiring Policy Compliance Affidavit signed 8-17-20, Employment application submitted complies;

Slavery Era, Prison Industry and Immigrant Detention System records disclosure Affidavit signed 8-17-20, indicating NO records of income, investment or use of labor from these systems;

Political Contributions and Expenditures Statement signed 2-20-20, indicating "None".

LAW

6001522 100% City Funding – AMEND 3 – To Provide an Extension of Time and an Increase of Funds to Provide Legal Services in Connection with the Case of Davonte Sanford V. City of Detroit, Michael Russell & James Tolbert, U.S. District Court, E.D. Mich, No 17-cv-13062; Lamarr Monson V. City of Detroit et al, U.S. District Court, E.D. Mich, No 18-cv-10638; and D'Marco Craft et al. V. City of Detroit et al, U.S. District Court, E.D. Mich, No 17-cv-12752 and Such Additional Litigation Matters as Determined by Corporation Counsel. – Contractor: Seward, Peck & Henderson, PLLC – Location: 210 E 3rd Street Suite 212, Royal Oak, MI, 48067 – Contract Period: January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 – Contract Increase Amount: \$250,000.00 – Total Contract Amount: \$1,300,000.00.
Previous Contract Period: January 17, 2018 through December 31, 2020

Costs budgeted to General Fund, Acct. 1000-00527-320010-613100-0-0, Appropriation for Law Administration & Operations includes available funding of \$12,175,325 as of August 21, 2020.

This request for approval of Amendment 3, is for an increase in the costs, by \$250,000; and extend the contract period by 1 ½ years, through June 30, 2022.

Contract 6001522 with Seward, Peck & Henderson, was approved June 26, 2018, for a cost of \$200,000 and a the term through December 31, 2020, to represent the City in the matter of Davonte Sanford vs. City of Detroit, Michael Russell & James Tolbert.

Amendment 1, submitted and approved the Week of Dec. 17, 2018, increased the costs by \$525,000 to a total of \$725,000, and increased the services to include the matter of Lamarr Monson v. City of Detroit et al.

Amendment 2, approved Sept. 24, 2019, increased the services to add the matter of D'Marco Craft v. City of Detroit et al, and increased costs by \$325,000 to a contract total of \$1,050,000, with no change to the contract term to expired December 31, 2020.

This amendment includes a REDUCTION in the hourly rate from the previous \$185 per hour to the blended rate for attorney services of \$175 per hour; This reduction is indicated to be in recognition of the fiscal challenges to the City due to the COVID pandemic. The rate of \$175 per hour will be in effect through Dec. 31, 2020, when the City and the law firm will reconsider the rate.

Covenant of Equal Opportunity Affidavit signed 6-8-20;

TAXES: Good Through 7-31-21;

Hiring Policy Compliance Affidavit signed 6-8-20, request cover letter & resume, appears to comply; Slavery Era, Prison Industry and Immigrant Detention System records disclosure Affidavit signed 6-8-20, indicating NO records of income, investment or use of labor from these systems;

Political Contributions and Expenditures Statement signed 6-8-20, indicating “None”.

PUBLIC WORKS

6001906 100% Major Street Funding – AMEND 1 – To Provide an Increase of Funds Only to Furnish Construction Services for the Livernois Streetscape Project between Clarita and West 8 Mile Road. – Contractor: Angelo Iafrate Construction – Location: 26300 Sherwood Avenue, Warren, MI, 48091 – Contract Period: April 2, 2019 through April 1, 2021 – Contract Increase Amount: \$935,000.12 – Total Contract Amount: \$16,617,921.54.

Costs budgeted to Street Fund, Acct. 3301-20453-193337-632100-000048-30110, Appropriation for 2017 Street Improvement Bond, includes available funds of \$54,969,736 as of August 21, 2020.

This request is for approval of Amendment 1 to increase the costs for this project by \$935,000.12 for a total cost of \$16,617,921.54. There is no change to the contract term through April 1, 2021.

Significant changes made after the contract work had begun included: Increasing the aggregate base under the concrete from 4 inches to 8 inches; Revising the entire length of the project to improve drainage; Revising sidewalk grading, which included changes to ramps, warning surfaces, drainage structures; Landscape revisions for additional trees, tree grates, plants and plant rails.

Other changes included: temporary street lighting required for additional construction to ensure work on west side of Livernois was completed in 2019 for less impact on businesses; Cold weather protection required for a temporary seasonal shutdown, and completing as much work as possible before the shut down; Sidewalk treatments were modified to more closely define the different streetscape elements, that resulted in additional concrete.

Contract 6001906 was approved April 30, 2019 with Angelo Iafrate Construction for a cost of \$15,682,921.42 for Construction services, concrete paving, streetscape for 1.25 miles of Livernois, that included removal of the medians, Reconstruction from 7 Mile to 8 Mile, Replacing and widening sidewalks, raised asphalt bike lanes, green stormwater infrastructure, Planting beds including a Rain garden.

Covenant of Equal Opportunity Affidavit signed 8-10-20;

TAXES: Good Through 7-20-21;

Hiring Policy Compliance Affidavit signed 8-10-20, Employment application submitted complies;

Slavery Era, Prison Industry and Immigrant Detention System records disclosure Affidavit signed 8-10-20, indicating NO records of income, investment or use of labor from these systems;

Political Contributions and Expenditures Statement signed 8-10-20, indicating “No contributions”.

Public Works - *continued*

6002858 100% City Funding – To Provide Electrical Design, Geometric Design and Intelligent Transportation System Services. – Contractor: WSP Michigan, Inc. – Location: 500 Griswold Street Suite 2600, Detroit, MI 48226 – Contract Period: Upon City Council Approval through August 31, 2025 – Total Contract Amount: \$1,000,000.00.

Costs budgeted to Street Fund, Acct. 3301-04139-193850-617900-193003-0-0, Appropriation for Major Street Capital, includes available funds of \$35,247,690 as of August 21, 2020.

Proposals were requested; 3 proposals received from WSP Michigan, AECOM and Atkins. The proposals were evaluated and scored in 4 general areas: Understanding the Scope of Services and Technical Approach, Experience and References for similar projects, Overall qualifications & assigned Key Personnel & Project staffing, Financial resources.

The scores of the 3 proposals were very close; It was determined to be in the City's best interest to award contracts to all 3 vendors submitting proposals.

This recommendation is with WSP Michigan, which received the highest score, based on additional points as a Detroit based business; ranked 1st in 1 area and 2nd in 2 areas.

Contracts also recommended and will be submitted to City Council for approval with AECOM Great Lakes, and Atkins Michigan.

The 3 contractors will be requested to provide cost proposal for identified projects and awards for the projects will be made for the best proposal at the lowest cost.

Contract services to include Preliminary surveys & detailed construction drawings for: Modernization/relocation of traffic signals; All street lighting projects; Projects for intersections, widening/modifying street corridors; Develop traffic circulation and safe routes for schools; Design all non-motorized projects – bike paths, pedestrian walkways, streetscapes; Infrastructure work; Various projects for Intelligent Transportation System including Connected Vehicle technology, Smart City innovations, Wireless/fiber communications systems, Traffic surveillance system; Conduct Road Safety Audits to identify projects eligible for Federal/State funding.

Payments based on the receipt of invoices for services of various professionals at hourly rates [including overhead and benefits] ranging from \$81.21 to \$357.29. Hourly Pay rates include an increase for each year.

Identified Sub-consultants include: Somat Engineering of Detroit, SSI Tecnology of Sterling Heights, & Traffic Data Collection based in Washington, MI.

Contract discussion continues on the following page.

Public Works - *continued*

6002858 100% City Funding – To Provide Electrical Design, Geometric Design and Intelligent Transportation System Services. – Contractor: WSP Michigan, Inc. – Location: 500 Griswold Street Suite 2600, Detroit, MI 48226 – Contract Period: Upon City Council Approval through August 31, 2025 – Total Contract Amount: \$1,000,000.00.

Contract Discussion continued below:

Covenant of Equal Opportunity Affidavit signed 2-27-20;

TAXES: Good Through 1-21-21;

Hiring Policy Compliance Affidavit signed 2-27-20, Employment application submitted complies;

Slavery Era, Prison Industry and Immigrant Detention System records disclosure Affidavit signed 8-5-20, indicating NO records of income, investment or use of labor from these systems;

Political Contributions and Expenditures Statement signed 2-27-20, indicating “NO contributions.”

Total Employment of 121; 80 Employees in Detroit Office; 12 are Detroit residents

Previous contracts for Electrical Design, Geometric Design, and Intelligent Transportation design services, included 5 contracts that were recommended and approved May 6 2014 for a 5 year term through March 30, 2019 for \$1,000,000 each; Contracts approved included: 2889888 Parsons Brinckerhoff Michigan [which became WSP Michigan]; 2889886 with Giffels-Webster; 2889894 with Tucker Young Jackson Tull [which became Alfred Benesch & Co.]; 2889898 with Somat Engineering; and 2889899 with URS Corp. [which became AECOM Great Lakes].

All 5 contracts were submitted for approval of an Amendment 1 to extend the contracts 1 year, through March 30 2020, with no change to the contract costs;

1 contract, No. 2889894 with Alfred Benesch & Co. was Not Approved on June 18, 2019;

the other 4 contracts, Amendment 1 was approved:

No. 2889886 with Giffels-Webster on June 11, 2019;

No. 2889888 with WSP Michigan on June 18, 2019;

No. 2889898 with Somat Engineering on June 18, 2019; and

No. 2889899 with AECOM Great Lakes on June 18, 2019.

Public Works - *continued*

6002939 100% Major Street Funding – To Provide Construction Services for Residential Tree Guarantee Sidewalk Replacement in Districts 1, 2 and 6. – Contractor: Giorgi Concrete, LLC / Major Cement Co. Joint Venture – Location: 20450 Sherwood, Detroit, MI 48234 – Contract Period: Upon City Council Approval through December 31, 2022 – Total Contract Amount: \$2,343,065.00.

Costs budgeted to Street Fund, Acct. 3305-11317-194000-632100-0-0, Appropriation for Public Act 48 of 2017 funds includes available funding of \$6,472,077 as of August 21, 2020.

Proposals solicited for repair of Tree root damaged sidewalks and driveways in 6 Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 - The total project estimated the replacement of 425,410 square feet of sidewalks in the 6 Districts within a 120 day period; 4 Proposals were received and evaluated.

The Lowest bid was submitted by Lakeshore Global for \$3,514,525 - however it was determined that Lakeshore Global did not have the history, experience or resources for the scope of the contract; It was determined by the City's Engineering Division that Lakeshore Global did have capacity for part of the project.

Contract 6002940 with Lakeshore Global for Residential Sidewalk replacement in Districts 4 and 5, for a cost of \$1,134,355.50, and a term through Dec. 31, 2022 was approved July 28, 2020.

This contract with the 2nd Low bid, from the joint venture of Giorgi Concrete and Major Cement is recommended for the balance of the work, the replacement of an estimated 284,140 square feet of residential sidewalk in Districts 1, 2, 6 and 7 [*the description above left out District 7 and may require correction from the Office of Contracting and Procurement*] for an estimated cost of \$2,343,065 and a term through December 31, 2022.

In addition to the sidewalk replacement, services to also require: Hanging door notifications; removing and grinding tree stumps, adjusting monument boxes and water shutoff valve boxes, replacing any damaged ADA ramps, adding topsoil and reseeding as needed.

Other proposals received [for all 6 districts] include: Century Cement for \$4,640,980; and Audia Construction for \$7,066,186.

Contract Discussion continues on following page.

Public Works - *continued*

6002939 100% Major Street Funding – To Provide Construction Services for Residential Tree Guarantee Sidewalk Replacement in Districts 1, 2 and 6. – Contractor: Giorgi Concrete, LLC / Major Cement Co. Joint Venture – Location: 20450 Sherwood, Detroit, MI 48234 – Contract Period: Upon City Council Approval through December 31, 2022 – Total Contract Amount: \$2,343,065.00.

Contract Discussion continued below:

The joint venture provides that Giorgi Concrete is responsible for 51% of the work; Major Cement is responsible for 49% of the work.

Giorgi Concrete Affidavits and Clearances:

**Covenant of Equal Opportunity Affidavit signed 6-16-20;
Certification as Detroit Headquartered and Detroit Resident business expired June 10, 2020;
TAXES: Good Through 1-31-21;
Hiring Policy Compliance Affidavit signed 6-16-20, Employment application submitted complies;
Slavery Era, Prison Industry and Immigrant Detention System records disclosure Affidavit signed 6-16-20, indicating NO records of income, investment or use of labor from these systems;
Political Contributions and Expenditures Statement signed 6-16-20, indicating “None”.**

Total Employees of 30; 20 Employees are Detroit residents

Major Cement Affidavits and Clearances:

**Covenant of Equal Opportunity Affidavit signed 6-15-20;
Certification as Detroit Headquartered business good through April 15, 2021;
TAXES: Good Through 1-31-21;
Hiring Policy Compliance Affidavit signed 6-15-20, Employment application submitted complies;
Slavery Era, Prison Industry and Immigrant Detention System records disclosure Affidavit signed 6-15-20, indicating NO records of income, investment or use of labor from these systems;
Political Contributions and Expenditures Statement signed 6-15-20, indicating “None”.**

Total Employment of 195; 100 are Detroit residents.

Public Works - *continued*

6002941 100% Major Street Funding – To Provide Construction Services for Grand Parklet Streetscape at the Intersection of Puritan Avenue and Grand River Avenue. – Contractor: Major Cement Co. / Gayanga Co. Joint Venture – Location: 15347 Dale, Detroit, MI 48223 – Contract Period: Upon City Council Approval through December 31, 2022 – Total Contract Amount: \$878,774.00.

Costs budgeted to Street Fund, Acct. 3301-20453-193337-632100-000048-30, Appropriation for 2017 Street Improvement Bond, includes available funds of \$54,969,736 as of August 21, 2020.

Bids solicited for the Grand Parklet Streetscape construction; 2 bids received.

This recommendation is for the Lowest Bid received from the joint venture of Major Cement and Gayanga for \$878,774.30.

2nd Bid received from Audia Construction for \$1,322,321.50

The Grand Parklet Streetscape project is located at the intersection of Puritan Avenue and Grand River Avenue. The project to include an enlarged concrete park area, Hardscape design, signage, pavement markings, site furnishings, ADA accessibility, improved lighting and landscaping. The project to also include: variety of plantings, bike racks, trash receptacles, drinking fountain, seating and electrical services.

Major Cement Affidavits and Clearances:

**Covenant of Equal Opportunity Affidavit signed 6-12-20;
Certification as Detroit Headquartered business good through April 15, 2021;
TAXES: Good Through 1-31-21;
Hiring Policy Compliance Affidavit signed 6-12-20, Employment application submitted complies;
Slavery Era, Prison Industry and Immigrant Detention System records disclosure Affidavit signed 6-12-20, indicating NO records of income, investment or use of labor from these systems;
Political Contributions and Expenditures Statement signed 6-12-20, indicating “None”.**

Total Employment of 195; 100 are Detroit residents.

Gayanga Affidavits and Clearances:

**Covenant of Equal Opportunity Affidavit signed 6-12-20;
Certification as Detroit Headquartered, Resident & Small business good through Feb. 27, 2021;
TAXES: Good Through 1-30-21;
Hiring Policy Compliance Affidavit signed 6-12-20, Employment application submitted complies;
Slavery Era, Prison Industry and Immigrant Detention System records disclosure Affidavit signed 6-12-20, indicating NO records of income, investment or use of labor from these systems;
Political Contributions and Expenditures Statement signed 6-12-20, indicating 1 contribution in 2017 to City Clerk candidate.**

Total Employees of 37; 26 Employees are Detroit residents.

**CONTRACTS FOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW
CITY DEMOLITION EMERGENCIES**

3044482 100% City Funding – To Provide an Emergency Demolition for the Following Residential Properties, 8091 Nuernberg, 8099 Nuernberg, 12741 Flanders and 11560 Kenmoor. – Contractor: Moss Company, LLC – Location: 6400 Mt Elliot, Detroit, MI 48211 – Contract Period: Upon City Council Approval through August 10, 2021 – Total Contract Amount: \$35,920.00.

Costs budgeted to Blight Reinvestment Project Fund, Acct. 1003-21200-160020-622975-0-0, Appropriation for Detroit Demolition includes available funds of \$8,921,050 as of Aug. 21, 2020.

Notices of Emergency Ordered Demolition signed by director of Buildings Safety Engineering and Environmental Dept., issued for residential structures at 8091 Nuernberg on April 14, 8099 Nuernberg on April 15, 12741 Flanders on March 2, and 11560 Kenmoor on June 9, 2020.

Bids solicited, and closed on June 5, 2020, for demolition at 8091 Nuernberg, 8099 Nuernberg, 12741 Flanders and 11560 Kenmoor; 5 bids received.

This recommendation is for the Lowest Bid received from Moss Company for \$35,920.

Contract award to Moss Company dated June 29, 2020; Purchase order dated July 30, 2020.

Costs include the following at each address:

**8091 Nuernberg for \$7,560 - Demolition costs for \$6,000; Backfill costs of \$1,000;
Grading costs of \$400 and Seeding costs of \$100.**

**8099 Nuernberg for \$7,560 - Demolition costs for \$6,000; Backfill costs of \$1,000;
Grading costs of \$400 and Seeding costs of \$100.**

**12741 Flanders for \$10,400 - Demolition costs for \$7,600; Backfill and Grading costs of \$2,600;
and Site Finalization costs of \$200.**

**11560 Kenmoor for \$10,400 - Demolition costs for \$7,600; Backfill and Grading costs of \$2,600;
and Site Finalization costs of \$200.**

**Other Bids received include: Inner City for \$39,050; Detroit Next for \$42,380;
SC Environmental for \$48,468; and DMC Consultants for \$74,160.**

Covenant of Equal Opportunity Affidavit signed 6-8-20;

Certification as a Detroit Headquartered Business good through 10-9-20;

TAXES: Good Through 1-6-21;

Hiring Policy Compliance Affidavit signed 6-8-20, Employment application submitted complies;

**Slavery Era, Prison Industry & Immigrant Detention Center Records Disclosure Affidavit signed 6-8-20,
indicating NO records of profit, employment or investment to disclose;**

Political Contributions and Expenditures Statement signed 6-8-20, indicating “N/A.”

Vendor indicates a total of 12 employees, 10 employees are Detroit residents.

Demolition - *continued*

3044694 100% City Funding – To Provide an Emergency Demolition for the Following Residential Properties, 1134 Livernois and 1550 Waterman. – Contractor: Inner City Contracting, LLC – Location: 18701 Grand River, Detroit, MI 48223 – Contract Period: Upon City Council Approval through August 24, 2021 – Total Contract Amount: \$29,750.00.

Costs budgeted to Blight Reinvestment Project Fund, Acct. 1003-21200-160020-622975-0-0, Appropriation for Detroit Demolition includes available funds of \$8,921,050 as of Aug. 21, 2020.

A Notice of Emergency Ordered Demolition signed by director of Buildings Safety Engineering and Environmental Dept., issued for residential structures at 1134 Livernois on June 10, and 1550 Waterman on July 10, 2020.

Bids solicited and closed on July 30, 2020 for demolition at 1134 Livernois and 1550 Waterman; 3 bids received.

This recommendation is for the Second Low Bid received from Inner City Contracting for \$29,50. Contract award to Inner City dated July 31, 2020; Purchase Order dated August 11, 2020.

Costs include the following at each address:

1134 Livernois for \$15,400 - Demolition costs for \$11,500; Backfill and Grading costs of \$1,650; and Site Finalization costs of \$2,250.

1550 Waterman for \$14,350 - Demolition costs for \$10,500; Backfill and Grading costs of \$1,600; and Site Finalization costs of \$2,250.

Lowest Bid received from Moss Co. for \$29,006 rejected, not in compliance with timelines for previous work issued as of July 27 through July 30, 2020.

Other Bid received from SC Environmental for \$33,980.

Covenant of Equal Opportunity Affidavit signed 3-11-20;

Certification as a Detroit Headquartered and Small Business good through 4-2-21;

TAXES: Good Through 2-13-21;

Hiring Policy Compliance Affidavit signed 3-11-20, Employment application submitted complies;

Slavery Era Records Disclosure Affidavit signed 3-12-20, indicating business established 2009,

NO records to disclose;

Political Contributions and Expenditures Statement signed 3-12-20, indicating “None.”

Vendor indicates a total of 12 employees, 7 employees are Detroit residents.

GRANTS SCHEDULED TO BE CONSIDERED ON THE WEEK OF AUGUST 24, 2020 DURING THE RECESS PERIOD.

Request to Apply: *for grants totaling \$9,712,000.00*

- **Authorization to submit a grant application to the Center for Tech and Civic Life for the Safe Voting Plan Grant.** The Clerk's Office is hereby requesting authorization from Detroit City Council to submit a grant application to the Center for Tech and Civic Life for the Safe Voting Plan Grant. The amount being sought is \$3,512,000.00.

The grant funding for the Safe Voting Plan will enable the Clerk's Office to:
Expand Strategic Voter Education and Outreach; provide safe election day voting;
Expand in-person early mail voting opportunities; Provide assistance with mail-in ballot requests;
Utilize more secure drop-boxes for return of absentee ballots;
Additional technology to expedite and improve accuracy of mail-in ballot process.

This list also includes a request to Accept a grant of \$200,000 received from The Center for Tech and Civic Life to cover costs of Hazard Pay for Poll Workers.

- **Authorization to submit a grant application to the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Transportation Economic Development Fund – Category A Grant.** The Department of Public Works is hereby requesting authorization from Detroit City Council to submit a grant application to the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Transportation Economic Development Fund – Category A Grant. The amount being sought is \$6,000,000.00. The State share is \$6,000,000.00 of the approved amount, and there is a required City cash match of \$3,464,480.80. In addition, \$4,000,000.00 will be provided by an Economic Development Administration Grant to support this project. The total project cost is \$13,464,480.80.

This grant, matching funds, and a 2nd Grant for the total budget of \$13,464,480.80 to be used to support increased truck traffic, expected to result, due to planned upgrades to the Detroit-Hamtramck General Motors plant; Funding is for reconstruction of segments of Mt. Elliot, Hamtramck Drive, East Grand Blvd. and Conant that loop around the Plant, and replacement of sidewalks and stormwater drainage facilities.

- **Authorization to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Work Zone Data Exchanges Demonstration Grant.** The Office of Mobility Innovation is hereby requesting authorization from Detroit City Council to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Work Zone Data Exchanges Demonstration Grant. The amount being sought is \$200,000.00. The Federal share is \$200,000.00 of the approved amount, there is a required in-kind match of staff hours valued at \$50,000.00. The total project cost is \$250,000.00.

Grant will provide funding for development of a system to provide digital information on street closures through electronic mapping software.

Request to Accept and Appropriate: *Grants, Donations and In-Kind services totaling \$1,793,232.00*

- **Request to Accept and Appropriate a cash donation from the Detroit Public Safety Foundation in the amount of \$1,425.00.** The Detroit Public Safety Foundation has awarded a cash donation to the City of Detroit Department of Neighborhoods, in the amount of \$1,425.00. There is no match requirement for this donation.

This donation is indicated to be used for the purchase of table skirts that can be used by Dept. of Neighborhoods at community events for display tables.

- **Request to Accept and Appropriate the Election Administration Support Grant.** The Center for Tech and Civic Life has awarded the City of Detroit Clerk's Office with the Election Administration Support Grant for a total of \$200,000.00. There is no match requirement. The total project cost is \$200,000.00.

This grant to be used to cover the costs of Hazard Pay for Poll Workers and other miscellaneous costs for Election administration and planning.

This list also includes the request for authorization to submit a grant application to The Center for Tech and Civic Life for a Safe Voting Plan grant in the amount of \$3,512,000.

- **Request to Accept and Appropriate the Recycling Coordinator Grant.** The Recycling Partnership has awarded the City of Detroit Department of Public Works with the Recycling Coordinator Grant for a total of \$170,000.00. There is no match requirement. The total project cost is \$170,000.00.

This grant to be used to expand the City's recycling program by hiring a recycling coordinator to create new recycling initiatives, coordinate internal operations and external marketing; and provide increase in marketing materials. Costs to be reimbursed from the grant.

- **Request to Accept and Appropriate the Streets for Pandemic Response and Recovery Grant.** The National Association of City Transportation Officials has awarded the City of Detroit Department of Public Works with the Streets for Pandemic Response and Recovery Grant for a total of \$25,000.00. There is no match requirement. The total project cost is \$25,000.00.

The grant to the Dept. of Public Works is to support the department costs of partnering with community organizations to close off residential streets near schools and parks, to provide spaces for outdoor classrooms, physical education, art classes, lunch areas and other activities for children in safe and areas that provide enough social distancing.

Request to Accept and Appropriate:

- **Request to Accept and Appropriate the FY 2020 CARES Act Operational Grant.** The Michigan Department of Transportation has awarded the City of Detroit Coleman A. Young Municipal Airport with the FY 2020 CARES Act Operational Grant for a total of \$69,000.00. There is no match requirement. The total project cost is \$69,000.00.

Grant is for the reimbursement to the Airport Dept., for the reimbursement of utility costs of Water and Drainage, incurred during the COVID-19 shut down.

- **Request to Accept and Appropriate the FY 2020 COVID-19 Epi Lab Capacity Contact Tracing Testing Coordination Violation Monitoring.** The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has awarded the City of Detroit Health Department with the FY 2020 COVID-19 Epi Lab Capacity Contact Tracing Testing Coordination Violation Monitoring Grant for a total of \$710,518.00. There is no required match. The total project cost is \$710,518.00. The grant period is June 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020.

Grant funding to be used to support and reimburse the costs of staff time and supplies associated with COVID-19 response testing, tracing, case investigations and enforcement.

- **Request to accept an increase in appropriation for the FY 2020 Local Comprehensive HIV Data to Care Grant.** The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has awarded an increase in appropriation to the City of Detroit Health Department for the FY 2020 Local Comprehensive HIV Data to Care Grant, in the amount of \$166,089.00. This funding will increase appropriation 20584, previously approved in the amount of \$422,000.00, by council on April 8, 2019 as part of the City of Detroit FY 2020 adopted budget, to a total of \$587,467.00.

This increase of \$166,089 to the initial grant award approved in April 2019 for total grant funding of \$588,089. Grant is used to provide emergency financial assistance and food bank services to HIV+ individuals, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, and for program staffing and administrative costs.

- **Request to Accept and Appropriate the FY 2019 Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for Perrien Park.** The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has awarded the City of Detroit General Services Department with the FY 2019 Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for a total of \$300,000.00. The State share is 60 percent or \$300,000.00 of the approved amount, and there is a required cash match of 40 percent or \$200,000.00. The total project cost is \$500,000.00.

Grant is indicted to be for improvements to Perrien Park, including a shelter area, walking path and playground.

Request to Accept and Appropriate:

- **Request to accept a donation of Park Equipment and Amenities from the Friends of Northwest Activities Center (NWAC).** The Friends of Northwest Activities Center (NWAC) has awarded a donation of park equipment and amenities to the City of Detroit General Services Department for Palmer Park, valued at \$150,000.00. There is no match requirement for this donation.

The grant is for improvements to Palmer Park, near Lake Frances, for the installation of plaza pavers, concrete walkway, BBQ grill, 7 picnic tables, coal bin and other amenities. The \$150,000 was a gift to the Friends of Northwest Activities Center from Rocket Mortgage.

- **Request to accept a donation of in-kind services from a Detroit Summer Impact Fellow.** Teach for America has awarded the City of Detroit General Services Department with a donation of in-kind services from a Detroit Summer Impact Fellow, valued at \$1,200.00. There is no match requirement for this donation.

The donation, to General Services Dept., is in the form of a stipend, paid by the Teach for America, for 4 to 6 weeks of service on a selected project; Stipend is to provide current & former teachers with leadership experience in education policy and/or nonprofit management.

Election Summary Report

Closed Primary

Wayne County, Michigan

March 10, 2020

City of Detroit
Unofficial Results

Precincts Reported: 637 of 637 (100.00%)

Registered Voters: 115,681 of 482,621 (23.97%)

Ballots Cast: 115,681

President of the United States (Vote for 1) REP

Precincts Reported: 637 of 637 (100.00%)

		Election Day	AV Counting	Total	
Times Cast		1,054	1,186	2,240 / 0	N/A
Candidate	Party	Election Day	AV Counting Board	Total	
Mark Sanford	REP	24	21	45	
Donald J. Trump	REP	867	1,026	1,893	
Joe Walsh	REP	55	22	77	
Bill Weld	REP	45	23	68	
Uncommitted	REP	42	77	119	
Write-in	REP	0	0	0	
Total Votes		1,049	1,175	2,224	
		Election Day	AV Counting Board	Total	



President of the United States (Vote for 1) DEM

Precincts Reported: 637 of 637 (100.00%)

		Election Day	AV Counting	Total	
Times Cast		79,045	33,749	112,794 / 0 N/A	
Candidate	Party	Election Day	AV Counting Board	Total	
Michael Bennet	DEM	148	74	222	
Joe Biden	DEM	50,955	19,561	70,516	
Michael R. Bloomberg	DEM	575	5,381	5,956	
Cory Booker	DEM	62	139	201	
Pete Buttigieg	DEM	29	393	422	
Julián Castro	DEM	16	8	24	
John Delaney	DEM	40	20	60	
Tulsi Gabbard	DEM	93	25	118	
Amy Klobuchar	DEM	28	155	183	
Bernie Sanders	DEM	26,188	5,528	31,716	
Joe Sestak	DEM	79	33	112	
Tom Steyer	DEM	14	67	81	
Elizabeth Warren	DEM	314	1,227	1,541	
Marianne Williamson	DEM	29	61	90	
Andrew Yang	DEM	68	71	139	
Uncommitted	DEM	185	723	908	
Write-in	DEM	0	0	0	
Total Votes		78,865	33,489	112,354	
		Election Day	AV Counting Board	Total	

Wayne County Art Institute Authority Millage (Vote for 1)

Precincts Reported: 637 of 637 (100.00%)

		Election Day	AV Counting	Total	
Times Cast		80,434	35,247	115,681 / 482,621 23.97%	
Candidate	Party	Election Day	AV Counting Board	Total	
Yes		64,469	26,745	91,214	
No		12,175	6,535	18,710	
Total Votes		76,644	33,280	109,924	
		Election Day	AV Counting Board	Total	

	TOTAL VOTES	%	ELECTION DAY	AV
PRECINCTS COUNTED (OF 662)	662	100.00		
REGISTERED VOTERS - TOTAL	511,786			
BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL PAGES	497,045		382,908	114,137
BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL	248,780		191,534	57,246
BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL PAGE 2	248,265		191,374	56,891
VOTER TURNOUT - TOTAL		48.61		

TRAIGHT PARTY

ote for not more than 1

(WITH 662 OF 662 PRECINCTS COUNTED)

Republican (REP)	4,344	2.18	3,343	1,001
Democratic (DEM)	191,984	96.38	149,206	42,778
Libertarian (LIB)	660	.33	566	94
U.S. Taxpayers (UST)	431	.22	386	45
Green (GRN)	658	.33	577	81
Natural Law (NLP)	149	.07	142	7
Working Class (WCP)	968	.49	878	90

RESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

ote for not more than 1

(WITH 662 OF 662 PRECINCTS COUNTED)

Trump / Pence (REP)	7,682	3.11	5,601	2,081
Clinton / Kaine (DEM)	234,871	94.95	180,986	53,885
Johnson / Weld (LIB)	1,533	.62	1,244	289
Castle / Bradley (UST)	342	.14	274	68
Stein / Baraka (GRN)	1,735	.70	1,495	240
SoItysik / Walker (NLP)	186	.08	159	27
WRITE-IN	1,020	.41	860	160

EP IN CONGRESS 13th DIST

ote for not more than 1

(WITH 359 OF 359 PRECINCTS COUNTED)

Jeff Gorman (REP)	3,938	3.05	2,955	983
John Conyers, Jr. (DEM)	118,611	92.00	91,457	27,154
Tiffany Hayden (LIB)	3,146	2.44	2,705	441
Sam Johnson (WCP)	2,942	2.28	2,510	432
WRITE-IN	290	.22	254	36

EP IN CONGRESS 14th DIST -Wayne Pcts Only

ote for not more than 1

(WITH 303 OF 303 PRECINCTS COUNTED)

Howard Klausner (REP)	3,170	2.78	2,373	797
Brenda L. Lawrence (DEM)	108,162	94.80	82,446	25,716
Gregory Creswell (LIB)	1,230	1.08	1,057	173
Marcia Squier (GRN)	1,215	1.06	1,047	168
WRITE-IN	315	.28	281	34



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First Name *

Last Name *

Title *

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How do I know that my office is eligible to receive a grant? +

How much money is my office eligible to apply for? -

Your election office will be eligible to apply for a grant amount based on a formula that considers the citizen voting age population and other demographic data of your jurisdiction. Minimum grants will be \$5,000. You may choose to receive less than the offered amount if your needs or eligible expenses do not reach that amount.

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The November election can be safe and secure — but we need to take action, now.

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REPORT

Estimated Costs of Covid-19 Election Resiliency Measures

SUMMARY: Proper planning can ensure that the pandemic does not prevent a free and fair election. To be effective, funding is urgently needed.



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UPDATE 4/18/2020: *On March 19, the Brennan Center published a preliminary estimate of the cost of adapting the country's voting systems and practices to ensure that the coronavirus pandemic wouldn't interfere with safe and secure election in November. Our estimate: approximately \$2 billion. Importantly, this estimate did not include the cost of ensuring the safety and security of the many other statewide and local elections that will occur throughout 2020.*

Since our March estimate, new guidance from health professionals has led election officials to take extra actions to ensure the health of their workers and voters, including providing protective gear — such as gloves and masks — to all poll workers and offering curbside voting. Most election offices also have had additional IT costs associated with ensuring that staff can perform critical functions remotely and securely.

Given the costs associated with protecting state and local elections with the new recommended health protections and technology costs, as well as for safely running dozens of additional elections this year, states and localities will need many more resources in 2020 than our preliminary estimate for the November election.

Accordingly, the Brennan Center recommends that Congress make available at least \$4 billion to ensure all elections between now and November are free, fair, safe, and secure.

There is no question that the Covid-19 pandemic presents a difficult and, in many ways, unprecedented challenge to America's elections. The Brennan Center has offered a [detailed plan](#) to ensure that the pandemic does not prevent a free and fair election. Implementing that plan must begin now. Below, we provide a preliminary cost estimate to implement all aspects of our plan, which could cost up to \$2 billion nationwide. ¹ Of course, the Brennan Center plan is not an exhaustive list, and states will have additional needs to ensure all of their citizens can vote with confidence during this pandemic.

Ensuring vote-by-mail option is available to all voters

Total estimated cost: \$982 million–\$1.4 billion

The following costs should be considered when increasing the option of mail voting to all voters across the country:

Ballot printing. Increasing the number of voters using vote by mail will require printing a larger number of ballots, absentee envelopes, and other materials. Jurisdictions should print enough ballots and ballot envelopes for 120 percent of registered voters to ensure sufficient ballots for all voters even if there are surges in voter registration close to the election and voters who change their minds and decide to vote in person instead of casting their ballot by mail. **Estimated cost: \$54 million–\$89 million**

- Based on cost estimates provided by three ballot printing vendors, we estimate that the cost to print a ballot ranges from 21.4 cents per ballot to 35 cents per ballot. We multiplied these costs by 254 million registered voters, 120 percent of the registered voters in the United States, to obtain our estimate.

Postage costs. The costs of both sending and receiving ballots should be covered by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS). **Estimated cost: \$413 million–\$593 million**

- We estimate the cost of mailing voters their ballots (including additional materials, such as return envelopes, instructions, and other informational materials) will cost \$1.15–\$2.00 per registered voter, or \$243,455,000–\$423,400,000 in total. This estimate is derived from interviews with election officials and ballot printing vendors (estimates varied widely, from \$0.65 in Virginia to over \$2.00 in California). In addition, voters will need to return their ballots. The cost per ballot will be less because additional materials will not be included in the return. Using an average of 80 cents per ballot for voters to return ballots, we estimate an additional \$170 million to provide voters with prepaid postage for voters to return their ballots.

Drop boxes for absentee ballots and appropriate security. Jurisdictions should offer secure drop boxes in accessible locations for voters to drop off ballots directly. Drop boxes must be equipped with adequate security measures, such as cameras. **Estimated cost: \$82 million–\$117 million for purchase and installation (excluding current infrastructure in vote-by-mail states) and \$35 million–\$47 million for operation and maintenance (excluding current infrastructure)**

- We know that at least four states — California, Colorado, Oregon, and Washington — already have drop boxes in place statewide. **Washington State** requires at least one ballot box per 15,000 registered voters. In Pierce County, Washington, ballot boxes provided by the company Laserfab **cost** between \$7,000 and \$10,000 to purchase and install. Snohomish County, Washington, which uses the same ballot boxes, estimates an annual ongoing operating and maintenance **cost** of approximately \$3,000 per ballot box in a typical nonpresidential election year and \$4,000 per ballot box in a presidential election year. Accounting for the four states that already have ballot boxes in place statewide, we estimate that 11,666 ballot boxes would be needed nationwide (~175 million registered voters/15,000 registered voters). To arrive at our cost estimate, we multiplied these various ballot box costs by 11,666 ballot boxes.

Secure electronic absentee ballot request technology. Voters must be allowed to request absentee ballots in person or through the mail, and states should offer additional methods to request ballots online or by phone. These costs must also include an increased use of online ballot delivery for uniformed and overseas citizens absentee (UOCAVA) voters. **Estimated cost: \$16.7 million (excluding current infrastructure)**

- Costs of obtaining or developing a secure electronic absentee ballot application tool vary widely, but we estimate an average of \$325,000 per state, if the state currently has online voter registration (39 states and DC have **OVR**). For the purpose of estimating an online absentee ballot application tool cost, we assume that all states have OVR, since we account for the cost of implementing OVR in a different section of this document. We know that at least two states, Virginia and Pennsylvania, already have this tool and that in three states, Colorado, Oregon and Washington, voters do not need to apply to receive an absentee ballot. Therefore, we multiplied \$325,000 by 46 (45 states and DC) to obtain a total cost estimate of \$7 million to implement secure online absentee ballot tools nationwide.
- We estimate a cost of \$100,000 per state per year to provide a secure, online blank ballot delivery service, which allows voters to mark their absentee ballot on a computer before printing it. This assures accessibility for voters with disabilities. We estimate that at least 25 percent of states already offer a service like this. We multiplied \$100,000 by 37 states to obtain a cost estimate of \$3,700,000 for this service.
- We estimate the total cost for secure electronic absentee ballot request technology/tool + annual

cost for electronic vote-by-mail technology to be \$2,300,000 + \$3,700,000, or \$6 million total.

Ballot tracking. Ballot tracking software should be used to provide confidence that ballots are reaching the appropriate destination in a timely manner. Jurisdictions should also set up a texting service for ballot tracking information, which will provide voters with reminders, confirmations of receipt, and confirmations of acceptance. **Estimated cost: \$4.2 million (excluding current infrastructure)**

- We estimate that at least 25 percent of states already have basic ballot tracking software. We estimate that this software will cost \$50,000 per state. (38 states x \$50,000 = \$1,900,000). We are providing a separate estimate for the text delivery service, which only a handful of states currently utilize: \$50,000 per state. This estimate includes setting up the platform plus costs of messages. (45 states x \$50,000 = \$2,250,000)

Improvements to absentee ballot processing. To manage the increase in absentee ballots, some jurisdictions will need to purchase resources that include signature verification technology, high-volume mail processing and sorting equipment, and high-speed ballot scanners. **Estimated cost: \$120 million–\$240 million**

- Approximately 15 percent of local jurisdictions in the country have more than 25,000 voters (15 percent of 8,000 jurisdictions is 1,200 jurisdictions). High-speed scanners for tabulating absentee ballots cost in the range of \$50,000 to \$100,000 per unit. This gives a range of \$60,000,000 to \$120,000,000 for high-speed tabulators nationwide. The cost for high-speed automated mail sorting equipment is assumed to be in a similar range and also would only be needed in jurisdictions with more than 25,000 voters. This gives a range of \$60,000,000 to \$120,000,000 for high speed mail processing equipment nationwide.

Additional facilities. Jurisdictions will require substantially more space for ballot processing and storage. **Estimated cost: \$92 million**

- A surge in absentee ballots will require jurisdictions to set up an additional location for ballot processing. Most local election offices are not large enough to handle these needs and will likely need to obtain commercial space. For this estimate, we assume lease of a commercial space for 60 days to cover pre- and postelection processing work. For 85 percent of locals that have fewer than 25,000 voters (6,800 locals), we estimate rental costs of \$5,000 per month for a total of \$10,000. For the 15 percent of jurisdictions that are larger (1,200 locals), we estimate \$10,000 per month for a total of \$20,000. This gives us an estimated cost of \$92,000,000.

Additional staffing to support absentee ballot processing. Staff will be needed for processing ballots and duplicating ballots onto the stock required for tabulation. **Estimated cost: \$164.6 million**

- Assumptions include that additional seasonal staff will be needed to process absentee ballots before, during, and after Election Day for a total of 14 days. Hourly rate is assumed to be at least \$15 per hour for eight hours of work per day. This would be \$1,680 per additional worker. For jurisdictions under 25,000 voters, we assume 10 additional staff for a total of 68,000 seasonal workers. For jurisdictions larger than 25,000 voters, we assume 25 additional staff for a total of 30,000 seasonal workers. This would require \$164,640,000 in additional staffing support nationwide.

Maintaining in-person voting

Total estimated cost: \$271.4 million

Providing everyone with the option to vote by mail will not replace all in person voting by November. The handful of states that have all-mail elections took many years to get there. As we saw in the Iowa caucus, putting too much strain on an entirely new system is sure to result in breakdowns and failures. Furthermore, there are millions of Americans who will not be able to cast a private and independent vote by mail: people without Internet and mail access, those who need language assistance to vote, and people with disabilities who rely on voting machines to cast their ballots among them. There is **evidence** that the absence of in-person voting options could **disproportionately** and negatively impact Black, Latino, and young voters. We must maintain the safety-valve of in person voting, but in a way that reduces density and ensures health. To do so, the following costs must be incurred:

Polling facilities that meet public health standards. Poll workers will need additional resources to clean and sanitize all facilities, machines, and resources. Polling places that use hand-marked paper ballots may wish to give voters single-use pens. Jurisdictions may also incur costs due to the need to change polling locations close to Election Day if public health requires, or to acquire access to backup polling locations.

Estimated cost: \$29.2 million (funding for all states, even though some states may already be paying for some of this cost)

- Cleaning supplies would cost an estimated \$20 per precinct. A sample of three states with no-excuse absentee voting (Illinois, North Carolina, and Ohio) had an average of one precinct for every 1,454 registered voters. Cleaning supplies would therefore cost \$0.013 per registered voter. Providing a single-use ballot-marking pen to every voter would cost about \$0.50 per registered voter, if every registered voter voted in person. This will be a much lower cost if vote by mail increases. Estimate is based off of pens for 25 percent of registered voters. While this still may be high considering the number of voters using absentee ballots and voting machines, the estimate will help to cover additional facility costs.

Increased poll worker support. Jurisdictions must hire poll workers beyond the normal amount to overcome day-of absences. Poll worker pay may need to increase to provide an incentive for serving in-person voting. **Estimated cost: \$140 million (funding for pay raises for current level of poll workers in each state, and full payment for additional poll workers in each state)**

- A sample of three states with no excuse absentee voting (Illinois, North Carolina, and Ohio) had an average of one poll worker for every 208 registered voters, or about 1 million poll workers nationally. Increasing poll worker hiring by 20 percent as well as providing a raise, bringing pay from about \$100 to \$200 a day, would cost \$100 million in raises for current levels of staffing and \$40 million for the additional 20 million workers.

Professional interpreters. Jurisdictions will need to offer language assistance by phone in case bilingual poll workers are absent or unavailable. **Estimated cost: \$43 million (funding for interpretive services for all counties covered under Section 203)**

- This estimate would cover interpreter services at a cost of \$700 per day for each precinct located in a county covered under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act. Notably, this estimate only covers interpreter services on Election Day, not during early voting periods.

Increased provisional materials. Jurisdictions should prepare for a surge in provisional voting due to delays in the processing of voter registration applications. **Estimated cost: \$21 million (funding for all provisional envelope printing, even though states and locals are already covering some of this cost)**

- Supplying enough provisional envelopes for 25 percent of registered voters at a cost of \$0.40 per envelope would cost \$21 million nationally.

Voter wait time tools. States and counties that use vote centers for in-person voting should develop online voter wait time tools to reduce lines and crowding. **Estimated cost: \$1.2 million (funding for all states that allow vote centers)**

- A mobile app that tracks wait times for one Texas county took 50 hours to develop in 2014. Our total estimate assumes average rates of mobile app development at \$16 per hour and assumes that the time of development increases with the size of the jurisdiction.

Expanded early voting. Jurisdictions should expand early voting options to reduce lines and administrative stress on Election Day. This will increase all of the costs of in-person voting considered above. **Estimated cost: \$37 million (funding for states that don't already have early in-person voting)**

- In 2010, Maryland counties spent **\$2.6 million** to conduct early voting for a one-week period prior to the election, according to a legislative fiscal analysis. This represented \$0.74 per registered voter. Adjusted for inflation, this would be \$3.1 million in 2020, or \$0.89 per registered voter. For a two-week period of early voting, this would then be \$1.77 per registered voter. Excluding the all-mail states, there are 20.7 million voters in states that do not have early in-person voting. Expanding early voting to these voters would therefore cost an estimated \$36.6 million. More money may be needed to expand early voting periods in states that offer in-person early voting for less than two weeks.

Developing and bolstering online registration

Total estimated cost: \$85.9 million

In the months and weeks before every presidential election, millions of Americans update their voter registration information or register to vote for the first time. Covid-19 could severely disrupt this process, making it difficult for Americans to submit timely registration applications elections officials to process those applications. The outbreak will certainly reduce access to government offices that provide voter registration services.

States should adopt and bolster online voter registration systems (**and they should consider implementing same-day registration**, the costs of which will likely not be significant). Bolstering online registration will include the following costs:

Implementation of online registration for states where not used already. Thirty-nine states and DC have either fully implemented online voter registration or are in the process of doing so. The other states should do so before November. **Estimated cost: \$3.7 million**

- A 2014 survey of states by the Pew Charitable Trusts found that 11 of 13 states that had implemented online voter registration spent an average of \$240,000 in initial startup costs. Two outliers reported

\$0 (Kansas) and \$1.8 million (California). Since one of the remaining jurisdictions to implement online voter registration is a very high population state (Texas), an increased estimate for costs in Texas of \$1 million is appropriate. \$3.4 million was then adjusted for inflation to \$3.7 million.

Note: some states may not be able or willing to move to online registration systems in time for the November election. These states will need to invest in public campaigns, voter outreach, education, and mailings to ensure voter registration is fully up to date. We do not believe the cost of these measures will be significantly less than our estimates for adoption of online registration.

Capacity and vulnerability testing. Online voter registration systems should be tested and their capacity bolstered to ensure that they can handle surges in web traffic. **Estimated cost: \$82.2 million**

- A 2017 U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) survey found that 15 states have either “bottom-up” or “hybrid” voter registration databases. For these states, added testing will be required, as individual counties that maintain their own online voter registration systems will need to conduct capacity and vulnerability testing of those systems. We estimate that capacity testing will cost approximately \$25,000–\$60,000 per jurisdiction and vulnerability testing will cost approximately \$80,000–\$100,000 per jurisdiction. Six states with bottom-up systems have 421 counties total for a total of 421 county and 6 state systems. County level systems are on the high end (\$100,000) for vulnerability testing but midrange (\$40,000) for load testing. Nine states have hybrid systems. In Texas, 39 counties operate their own system. Using this as a predictor of the average number of individual systems, we estimate 109 county and 9 state systems across those nine states, which also are on the high end (\$100,000) for vulnerability testing but midrange (\$40,000) for load testing. Thirty-four states operate top-down systems (North Dakota does not have registration) and DC is added for 35, each of which is on the high end for load testing (\$60,000) and vulnerability testing (\$100,000), adding up to \$82.2 million

Public education

Total estimated cost: \$252.1 million

Fear and confusion around a pandemic create a fertile environment for fear, disinformation, and efforts to manipulate the electoral process for improper purposes and partisan gain. State officials, advocates, and citizens should take steps to reassure citizens that voting will be safe and to guard against the use of Covid-19 to suppress voters or otherwise manipulate the election. The following costs should be considered:

Public education campaigns. Jurisdictions must inform voters of all changes to voting rules and all options available to register and vote. This must include advertising in non-English languages. **Estimated cost: \$250 million**

- Only five states have essentially moved to an all or primarily vote-by-mail system. The rest, plus DC, will need to launch public education campaigns that include mailers, television, radio, social, and other media, all in multiple languages. The 2020 Census similarly involves significant changes that the public must learn about, such as an online option and multilanguage advertising needs. For the 2020 Census, California is spending about \$2.52 per person who was counted in the 2010 Census, while New York City is spending about \$0.50 per person. Houston and Harris County in Texas are

jointly spending \$4 million dollars, or about \$0.88 per person. Similar levels of spending per voting-age member of the population — about 77 percent of the total population — would result in costs of between \$129 million and \$643 million. Our estimate for voter education about options during the Covid-19 pandemic is on the lower end of this range, even though these levels are over and above spending undertaken by the Census Bureau and independent organizations to ensure an accurate count.

Strengthened voter resources. Jurisdictions must provide accessible and easily used tools for voters to look up polling locations and registration status in order to proactively counter misinformation or malicious attacks to government systems. **Estimated cost: \$2.1 million**

- o Capacity testing on these websites should cost approximately \$40,000 per state plus DC and Puerto Rico.

Endnotes

1. Our estimates are conservative because they do not include cost estimates for Puerto Rico. We did not include Puerto Rico in our estimates because we relied on data from the most recent Election Administration and Voting Survey, which Puerto Rico did not participate in, as it did not conduct a federal election in 2018. Congress should of course provide funding for Puerto Rico to implement Covid-19 plans.

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William J. Brennan Center for Justice

The Brennan Center for Justice (the Brennan Center) was formed as a way to memorialize and put into action the values of left-of-center former Supreme Court Justice William Brennan, the “father of modern judicial activism,” by Brennan’s former clerks. [1] The organization is hybrid think-tank and activist center housed by New York University Law School. [2]

The Center has devised a “robust toolkit” of scholarship, legislative drafting, lobbying and legal action” [3] that is merged into “an almost seamless effort aimed at action.” [4] While the group purports to be “nonpartisan,” it has received substantial funding from George Soros (<https://www.influencewatch.org/person/george-soros/>)-associated organizations, [5] and is mainly funded by left-leaning organizations, having received substantial funding from other liberal groups including the Kohlberg Foundation, Tides Foundation (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/tides-foundation/>), Proteus Fund (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/proteus-fund/>), Joyce Foundation (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/joyce-foundation/>), Schumann Media Center (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/schumann-center-for-media-and-democracy-inc/>), Public Welfare Foundation (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/public-welfare-foundation-inc/>), and JPB Foundation (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/jpb-foundation/>). [6]

This liberal financing has turned the Center into a cog in the liberal legal movement. The Center pursues a left-wing issue agenda, supporting liberal activist policies on ethnic preferences, restrictions on political campaign speech, and protections for foreign terrorism suspects.

Founding

In 1995, a group of former law clerks of U.S. Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan ([https://ballotpedia.org/William_Brennan_\(U.S._Supreme_Court\)](https://ballotpedia.org/William_Brennan_(U.S._Supreme_Court))) created a hybrid think-tank and activist center in his honor. Brennan is often credited as the architect of “living Constitution” jurisprudence favored by liberals. [7] The new group “would actively promote Brennan’s legal agenda.” [8] According to the Brennan Center’s founding executive director, Joshua Rosenkranz, the Center was designed “to create a new breed of public interest Center that had one foot in the world of ideas and one foot in ... policy advocacy.” [9]

The Center was to be located at NYU Law School under dean John Sexton, who had a passion for the idea and envisioned it as an “integrated as part of the law school.” The idea, as the founders saw it, was to combine a potentially powerful interest group with the law school in “a deeply symbiotic way” that took advantage of “a tremendous fluidity between law school faculty and students...and a cadre of powerful public interest lawyers.” [10]

Operational Overview

According to the Brennan Center’s leader, Michael Waldman, the Center creates research, drafting policy proposals, publicizing its work through a communications arm, and joining advocacy coalitions. [11] The center is deeply involved in local and state campaign regulation efforts. [12] The Center treats local left-of-center advocacy organizations as “clients” acting as a law firm that doesn’t bill those clients, leaving it “up to the local players who have on-the-ground expertise to make the policy calls.” [13]

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The work of CTCL benefits from the expertise and support provided by a distinguished and diverse board of directors.

With experience in the fields of technology, finance, political organizing, advocacy, civic data, and election administration, the members of the CTCL board play a fundamental role in guiding our efforts to enhance civic engagement and strengthen the connections between public leaders and citizens.

Pam Anderson **Director**

Pam Anderson is a Director for the Center for Tech and Civic Life. Pam is the owner of Consilium Colorado, LLC, a firm specializing in nonprofit management consultation, and serves as the Executive Director of the Colorado County Clerks Association (CCCA). Prior to this work, Pam was the Republican Clerk and Recorder for Jefferson County, Colorado and has held positions with the Advisory Board for Pew's Election Performance Index, the Colorado Secretary of State's Best Practices and Vision Commission, and other prominent civic organizations. Rounding out her experience with a Master's in Public Administration and accreditation as a Certified Election Voter Registration Administrator, Pam adds management acumen and an appreciation for political diversity to the CTCL board.

Tiana Epps-Johnson **Executive Director, President**

Tiana Epps-Johnson is Founder and Executive Director with the Center for Tech and Civic Life. She is leading a team that is doing groundbreaking work to make US elections more inclusive and secure. Prior to CTCL, she was the New Organizing Institute's Election Administration Director from 2012 to 2015. She previously worked on the Voting Rights Project for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights.

Tiana is a recipient of the 2020 Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship, and was selected to join the inaugural cohorts of

Obama Foundation Fellows (2018) and Harvard Ash Center Technology and Democracy Fellows (2015). Tiana earned a MSc in Politics and Communication from the London School of Economics and a BA in Political Science from Stanford University.

Tammy Patrick **Director**

Tammy Patrick is a Director for the Center for Tech and Civic Life. Presently Tammy holds the position of Senior Advisor to the Elections program at the Democracy Fund, a bipartisan foundation working to ensure that our political system is able to withstand new challenges and deliver on its promise to the American people. Focusing on modern elections, Tammy helps lead the Democracy Fund's efforts to foster a voter-centric elections system and work to provide election officials across the country with the tools and knowledge they need to best serve their voters.

In 2013 Tammy served as a Commissioner on the Presidential Commission on Election Administration which led to a position at the Bipartisan Policy Center to further the work of the PCEA. Prior to that she was the Federal Compliance Officer for Maricopa County Elections Department for eleven years.

Tammy earned a B.A. in American Studies from Purdue University as well as a certification as an Election/Registration Administrator from Auburn University. As a CTCL board member, she provides oversight informed by years of experience at the forefront of American election administration.

Sureel Sheth **Director, Treasurer**

Sureel Sheth is a Director as well as Treasurer for the Center for Tech and Civic Life. Sureel is currently Vice President at JMI Equity in San Diego, where he focuses on assessing investment opportunities in the software and health care technology fields. Prior to working with JMI, Sureel held positions with DoubleDutch, McKinsey & Company, and Reputation.com. He holds a B.A. in Economics and Human Biology from Stanford University and a M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. On the CTCL board, Sureel contributes his outstanding experience with business, finance, and investment analysis.

Cristina Sinclair **Director, Secretary**

Cristina Sinclair is a Director as well as Secretary for the Center for Tech and Civic Life. Cristina is currently Senior Vice President at Clarity Campaign Labs in Washington, DC. Before joining Clarity, she served as Director of Client Services at Catalist, providing data and data services to over 200 progressive organizations. Prior to that she researched voting laws and built civic data tools at the New Organizing Institute.

Cristina has managed electoral campaigns and organized communities from California to South Africa. In addition to her role at CTCL, she sits on the Boards of National Public Radio, the Alliance for CHANGE, and the Earthward Bound Foundation.

Cristina is a graduate of the University of San Francisco, where she

studied Sociology and Criminology. She brings a diverse and extensive background in political organizing, advocacy, and nonprofit management to the CTCL board.



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ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CTCL's Advisory Committee is made up of some of the most experienced, thoughtful election professionals in the United States.

Our advisors generously provide feedback on our professional development programs, helping CTCL ensure that our courses meet the needs of today's election administrators.

Indra Arriaga
Language Assistance Compliance Manager | Alaska Division of Elections

Indra Arriaga serves as the State of Alaska Division of Elections Language Assistance Compliance Manager. The position was created as a result of the Toyukak v Mallot Settlement Agreement.

Arriaga's task is to ensure that the settlement requirements are met by working with Alaska Native language speakers, elders, and linguists to create election materials and develop terminology in the respective languages. Under Arriaga's direction the program has expanded and is more robust than ever; it provides varying degrees of support to 14 languages and dialects.

Arriaga holds a BA and MA in Political Science from St. Mary's University in Texas. Arriaga has worked in finance, management consulting, and research and analysis. As an immigrant, a woman, person of color, and LGBTQ person, ensuring that all voices are heard equally is a priority for Arriaga in her personal and professional life.

Kim A. Barton **Supervisor of Elections | Alachua County (FL)**

Kim A. Barton was elected Alachua County Supervisor of Elections in August 2016. In so doing, she became the first African-American elected Alachua County Supervisor of Elections. She is chiefly responsible for administering elections and voter registration in the county which has over 176,000 registered voters.

A graduate of the University of Florida, she came to the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections office in 1993 as its first outreach

coordinator. In 2006, she was promoted to director of outreach, a position she served in until her election. Barton is an active member of the Florida State Association of Supervisors and the Election Center, as well as a graduate of The Gainesville Sun's Focus on Leadership Program.

Barton credits her passion for voting and civic engagement to her parents, who were very involved in civil rights era community organizing and participated in get-out-the-vote and voter registration efforts. She takes great pride in the fact that it is her responsibility to serve all Alachua County residents.

Norelys R. Consuegra **Deputy Director of Elections | Rhode Island Secretary of State**

Norelys R. Consuegra, a native Rhode Islander, is Deputy Director of Elections for Rhode Island Secretary of State Nellie M. Gorbea. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Rhode Island in 1996 and completed her master's degree in International Relations from Salve Regina University in 2012. Prior to her work in elections, she worked for U.S. Senator Jack Reed as a Senate Aide for 20 years.

Norelys is the recipient of the Ralph Gabellieri Service Award by Goodwill Industries of Rhode Island, has been recognized as a Diversity Ambassador by the State of Rhode Island, and was awarded the Extraordinary Women Award for community work. She's also received recognition from RI Latino Public Radio, the National Archives and Records Administration, and Telemundo Providence for

her collaborative work in the community.

In addition to her full-time employment, she is an Adjunct Professor in the School of Continuing Studies at Roger Williams University. She has been involved in community service as a member of the Rhode Island Latino Civic Fund, Program Coordinator for the RI Latina Leadership Institute (LLI), and Secretary for the Pawtucket Youth Soccer Association. She is a strong advocate for communities of color, the immigrant community, the LGBTQ community and enjoys teaching others about the importance of civic engagement. She makes her home in Johnston with her husband, Salvador, and three sons, Gabriel (18), Ashten (9) and Tristen (2).

Joanna Francescut **Assistant County Clerk/Registrar of Voters | Shasta County (CA)**

Joanna Francescut is currently the Assistant County Clerk/Registrar of Voters for Shasta County where she guides staff to accomplish the goals and missions of the Shasta County Clerk. She quickly fell in love with election administration during the 2008 Presidential Elections. Since then, her innovations, critiques, and ideas have become a strong foothold in the practices and procedures of the Shasta County Clerk/Registrar of Voters Department. When she isn't working, you may find her playing volleyball, eating cookies, or telling stories of the good old days to her three children.

Ricky Hatch **Clerk/Auditor | Weber County (UT)**

Ricky is the County Clerk/Auditor for Weber County, Utah. After graduating with honors from Brigham Young University with a Master's degree in Accounting, he worked for seven years as an information systems auditor and consultant for in Los Angeles and Warsaw, Poland. He worked as a business analyst and project manager in Munich, Germany and Boston. In 2002, he established, ran, and taught at a private K-12 school in Ogden, Utah, later becoming CFO and COO of a chain of private schools throughout the western U.S.

In 2003, Ricky decided to be more involved in government than just as an informed voter, and has served in various capacities ever since, eventually being elected in 2010. He was Utah's County Clerk of the Year in 2015 and County Auditor of the Year in 2013 and 2017.

He is a member of the Department of Homeland Security's Election Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council (GCC) and chairs its Communications working group. He serves on the Board of Advisors for the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. He testified before Congress regarding election cybersecurity. He serves as First Vice President of the Utah Association of Counties and Chairs the Utah Clerk's Legislative Committee. He served as the Election Officials Division Director for the International Association of Government Officials (iGO).

Ricky has a wonderful wife, five fantastic children, and three cute-as-a-button grandchildren.

Toni Pippins-Poole

Elections Administrator | Dallas County (TX)

Toni Pippins-Poole is the Elections Administrator for Dallas County, which administers elections for 1.2 million registered voters and 44 political subdivisions.

During her more than 20 years in election administration, Toni has participated in Secretary of State of Texas Election Law seminars and has worked with voter awareness programs, FVAP, the FEC, the DOJ, and the EAC. In addition, she's served on the Election Center HAVA National Advisory Committee, the Texas HAVA Advisory Committee, and the Bipartisan Presidential Commission on Election Administration Advisory Committee.

A graduate of East Texas State University (now known as Texas A&M @ Commerce), Toni holds a number of professional certifications and has been frequently recognized for her years of public service to Dallas County. Outside of work, Toni spends time with her husband, Charles, as well as her children and grandchildren.

Whitney Quesenbery Director | Center for Civic Design

Whitney Quesenbery is co-director for the Center for Civic Design, working to make every interaction with government an easy, effective experience. The Center is the home of the Field Guides to Ensuring Voter Intent and the Anywhere Ballot. Other projects include ElectionTools.org and work on more useful, usable, and accessible voter guides and other election materials with election departments across the country. Whitney and Dana Chisnell teach the first course

on Election Design in the Certificate in Election Administration at the University of Minnesota. She has written three books: A Web for Everyone, Global UX, and Storytelling for User Experience.

Tim Tsujii

Director of Elections | Forsyth County Board of Elections (NC)

Tim Tsujii is the Director of Elections for the Forsyth County Board of Elections in North Carolina. He has served as an election official for the past 12 years, previously as the Deputy Director and Early Voting Director for the Guilford County Board of Elections. Tim holds a degree in political science from the George Washington University and Master of Public Affairs from the University of NC at Greensboro. His office was recently presented the Herb Stout award by the NC Center for Geographic Information Analysis (CGIA) for the implementation of a polling place wait time tracking application in the 2016 general election.

Maurice Turner

Senior Advisor | U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Maurice Turner is Senior Advisor to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's Executive Director, supporting the EAC's internal operations and programming. He most recently served as Deputy Director of the Internet Architecture Project at the Center for Democracy & Technology where he focuses on the Election Security and Privacy Project, identifying and updating election cybersecurity practices and infrastructure, and working through potential remedies.

Prior to CDT, Maurice was a TechCongress Congressional Innovation Fellow assigned to the U.S. Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, where he shaped policy and oversaw the preparation of memos, briefings, and hearings on federal IT systems and cybersecurity. He has also played an active role in local elections in CA and VA, holding progressively responsible positions from clerk to lead inspector overseeing multiple precincts. Turner holds an MA in Public Administration from USC, and a Certificate in Cybersecurity Strategy from Georgetown University.

Grace Wachlarowicz
Assistant City Clerk | Director of Elections and Voter Services,
City of Minneapolis (MN)

Grace Wachlarowicz (“walk-la-rō-its”) is the Assistant City Clerk, Director of Elections and Voter Services for the City of Minneapolis. She received her B. A. in Business Administration and CERA through the Election Center. Grace began her career in elections in 1993 administering all facets of the municipal, school district, state, and federal elections. Since 2012, Grace has overseen all facets of election administration for the City of Minneapolis, including the Minneapolis School District, the third largest electoral jurisdiction in Minnesota, with 240,000 registered voters.

Grace’s true passion is public service in election administration. She is active in the Election Center with program development, while she’s also a member of the Joint Election Officials Liaison Committee and the League of Minnesota Cities. In addition, she’s served on the

Minnesota State Legislature’s task force for Elections Emergency Planning, Electronic Roster, and Election Integrity.



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Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope

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The city of Lansing has received a grant of more than \$440,000 for election-related upgrades

The grant comes from the [Center for Tech and Civic Life](#), a national group that touts a mission to ensure that elections are secure.

Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope says the money will be spent on pandemic-related hazard pay for workers and office staff, along with equipment like new ballot drop boxes.

Swope adds that those drop boxes will be useful far beyond this year's election. "Somewhere in excess of 90% of our voters will be within a mile and a half of a drop box," Swope explains, "so that's something that can be used a long into the future."

A few days ago, the group issuing the grant announced it received a \$250-million-dollar grant from Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan. The announcement says the money would be redirected to local jurisdictions around the country.

Swope says the group approached Lansing about the grant, and that the size of the grant surprised him.