



**AGENDA DATE:**

September 28, 2020

**SUBJECT:**

Provide a briefing and seek feedback on proposed program changes to the Collin CARES Emergency Housing and Living Assistance Program.

**CITY REPRESENTATIVES:**

Erin Jones, City of Allen  
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Shirletta Best, City of McKinney  
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**Background**

On or about May 19, 2020 Collin County entered an interlocal agreement (ILA) with the cities of Allen, Frisco, McKinney and Plano to administer the County’s COVID-19 Emergency Housing and Living Assistance Program, referred henceforth as the Collin CARES Program, in the amount of \$30,000,000.

The County tasked the cities with administering the program within the limited policies provided in the ILA and CARES ACT. At the time of the initial program setup, there were many unknowns and a need to expedite the program. The cities proposed a 25% income loss to qualify for the program and limited assistance to four months.

On September 14, 2020 the Commissioner’s Court voted to make two program changes in order to aid more Collin County residents experiencing COVID related hardships, as follows:

1. Lower the 25% COVID related income loss requirement to 15%, and
2. Extend the program from four to up to six months of assistance.

Although the program was extended from four to six months, the maximum funding caps remained in place, which means some applicants will not be able to qualify for an additional two months of assistance. That was not the cities’ intent when proposing the program changes. This item seeks to provide additional information to the Court to allow them to reevaluate the program caps in light of the program extension.