



CARES CRF Update

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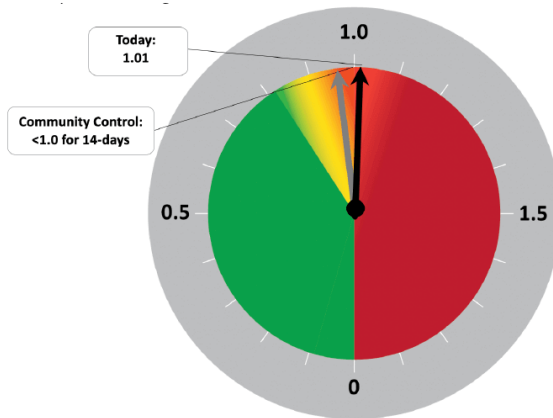
COVID-19 Virus Update

August 30, 2020

THREE METRICS TO GAUGE OUR PROGRESS

■ Community Control for 14-days
■ Community Spread
← Indicates Last Week's Position

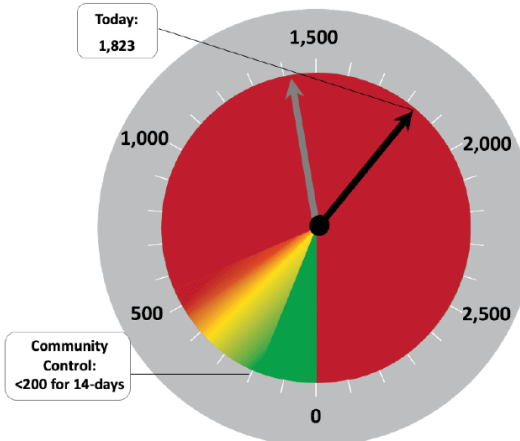
R(t): Effective Reproduction Rate¹
Harris County



Rt measures how effective our collective behaviors (e.g., social distancing and mask wearing) are in slowing the growth of the virus. If R(t) is above 1.0, the virus spread is increasing; if R(t) is below 1.0, the virus spread is slowing.

Community Control: R(t) < 1.0 for 14-days

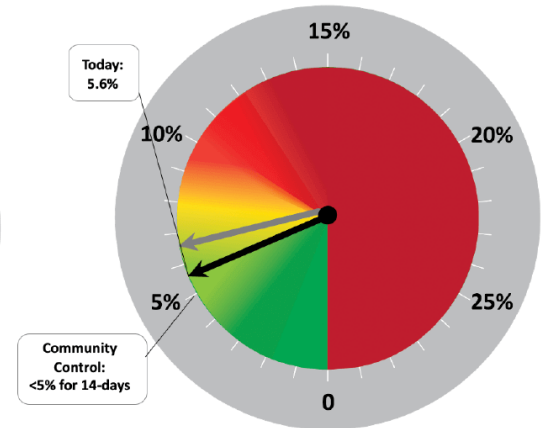
Daily New Cases²
Greater Houston 9-County Area



When the number of new daily cases is over 200, it is difficult to effectively trace and help isolate further spread of the virus.

Community Control: < 200 cases/day for 14-days

Test Positivity Rate (%)³
TMC Hospital Systems



A low positivity rate may indicate declining spread of the virus.

Community Control: < 5% for 14-days

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- <https://sph.uth.edu/dept/bads/covid19-dashboard>
- Source: TX Health and Human Services (<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>): Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery and Waller
- Testing data includes: CHI Texas Division, Harris Health System, Houston Methodist, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Memorial Hermann, and UT Health

This document is solely intended to share insights and best practices rather than specific recommendations. Individual institution data is shown as reported and has not been independently verified



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**Daily New Cases
(7 Day Average):
390**

**Positivity Rate:
7.8% week of
8/20 – 8/27**

Update on Testing

Facts and Figures

- Equitable distribution.
- This Week: **26** Fixed and Mobile Sites.
- **10,383** tests provided last week.
- Test result turnaround time significantly improved.
 - **48** hours for last week*
- **2,135** calls handled on COVID hotline.



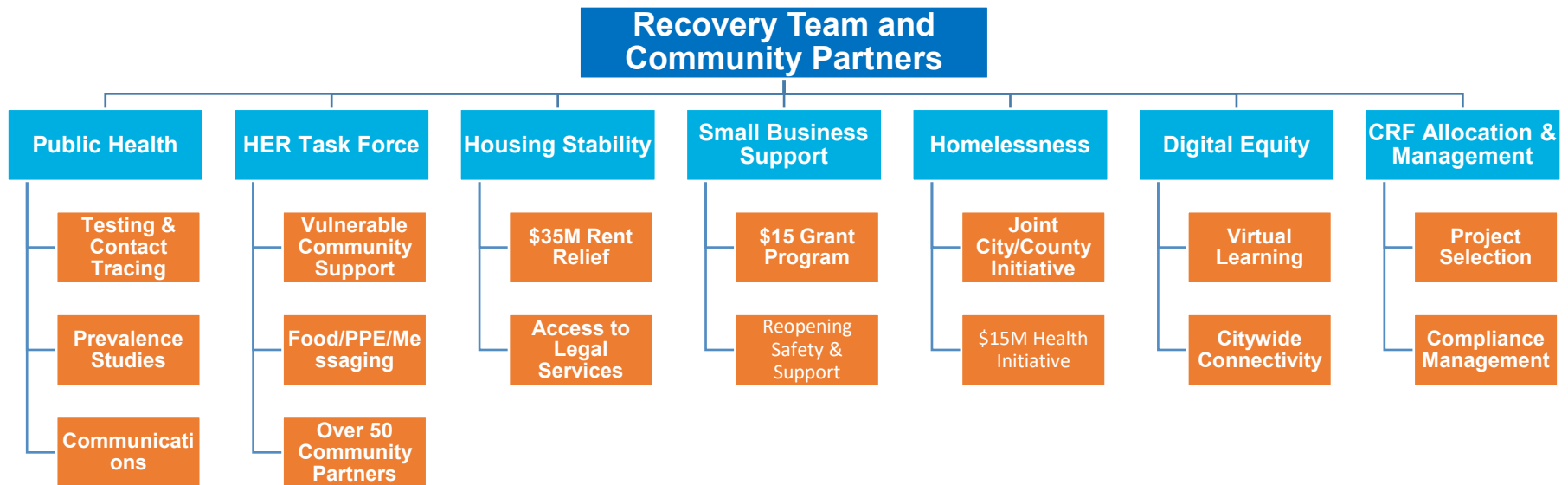
**List City Run Test Sites*



*City Run Test Sites

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Recovery Team – At a Glance



CRF Spending Requirements

Use of Funds Requirements:

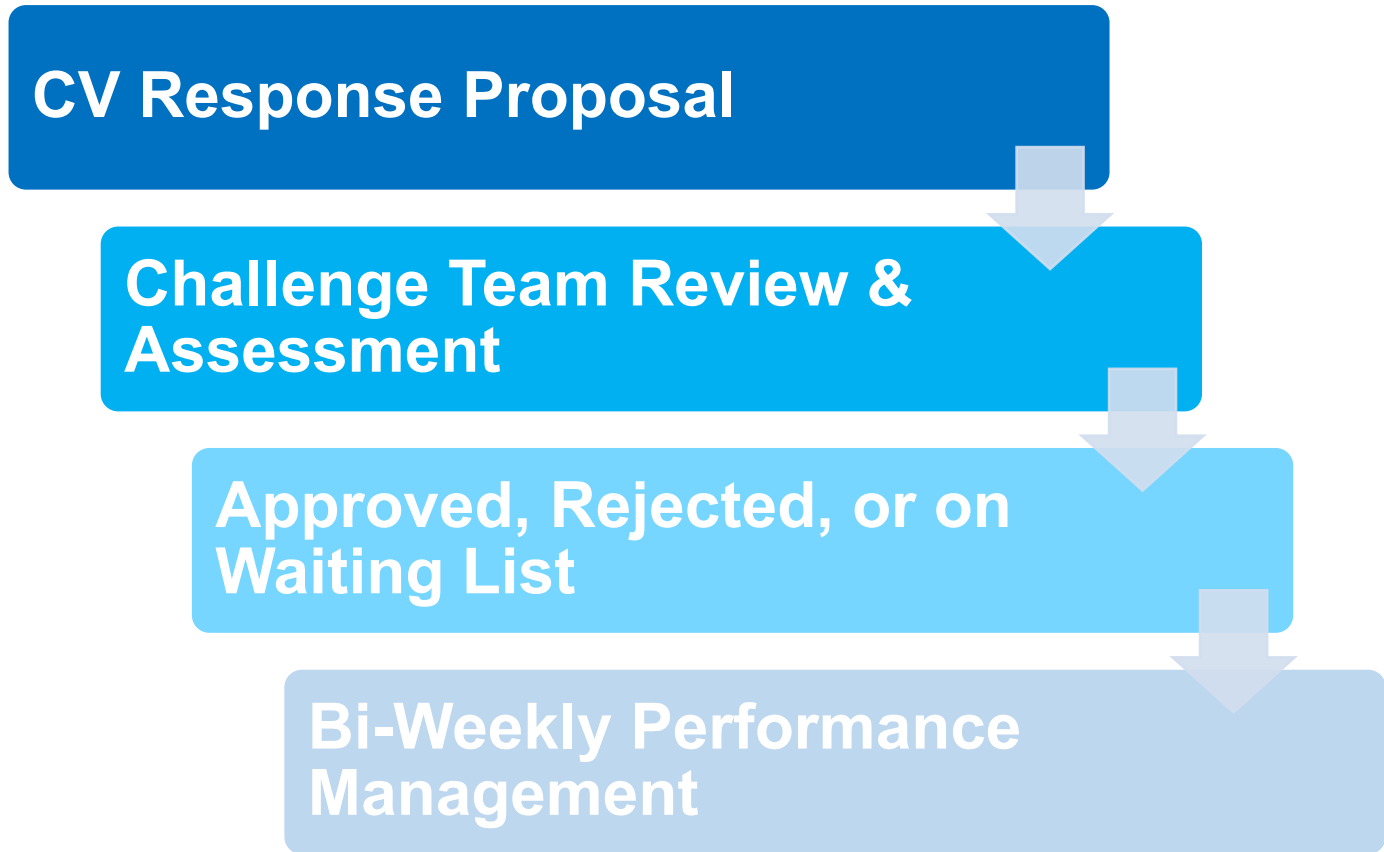
- Necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19.
- Were not part of a previously approved program (for the City, March 27, 2020); and
- Expenses that are incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

Spending Deadline:

- Programs and initiatives must utilize allocated CRF during the covered period ending December 30, 2020.
- Subrecipients of a grant or loan provided by the City using CRF must also use the funds by the end of the covered period.



Approach to Funding Allocation

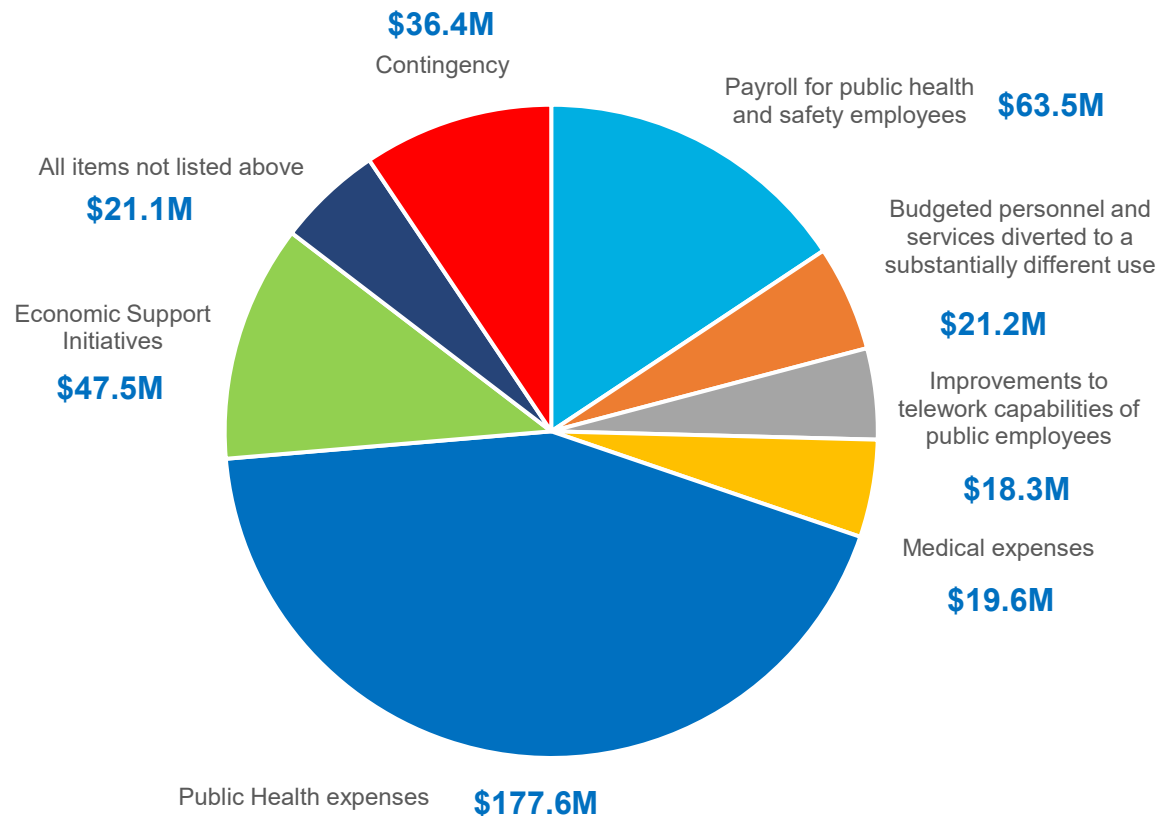


CRF Allocation: Per Treasury (Federal) Categories

Key Takeaways

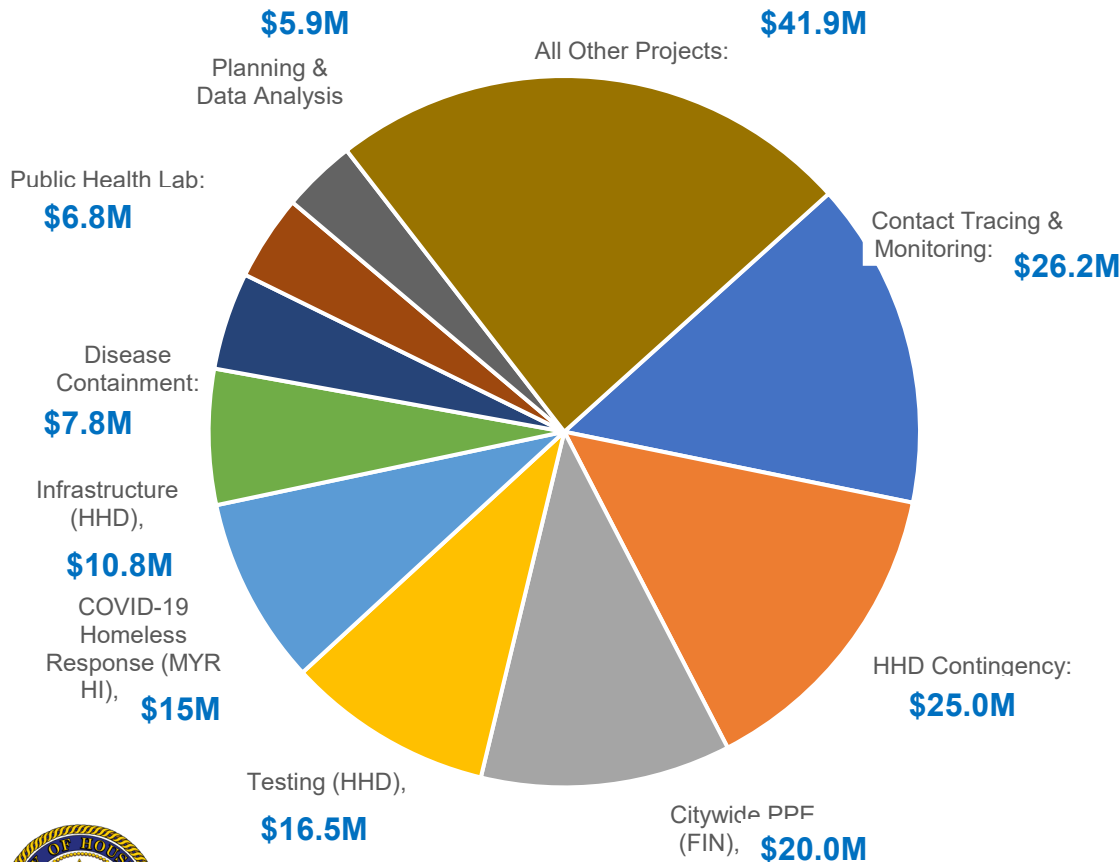
- Direct public health response captures majority of the spend.
- Short/medium term recovery/resilience programs are the remainder.
- Priorities always given to Health and those that need help the most.

Total Amount Approved: \$405.1 million



Medical and Public Health Subgroup

CRF \$177.6 million



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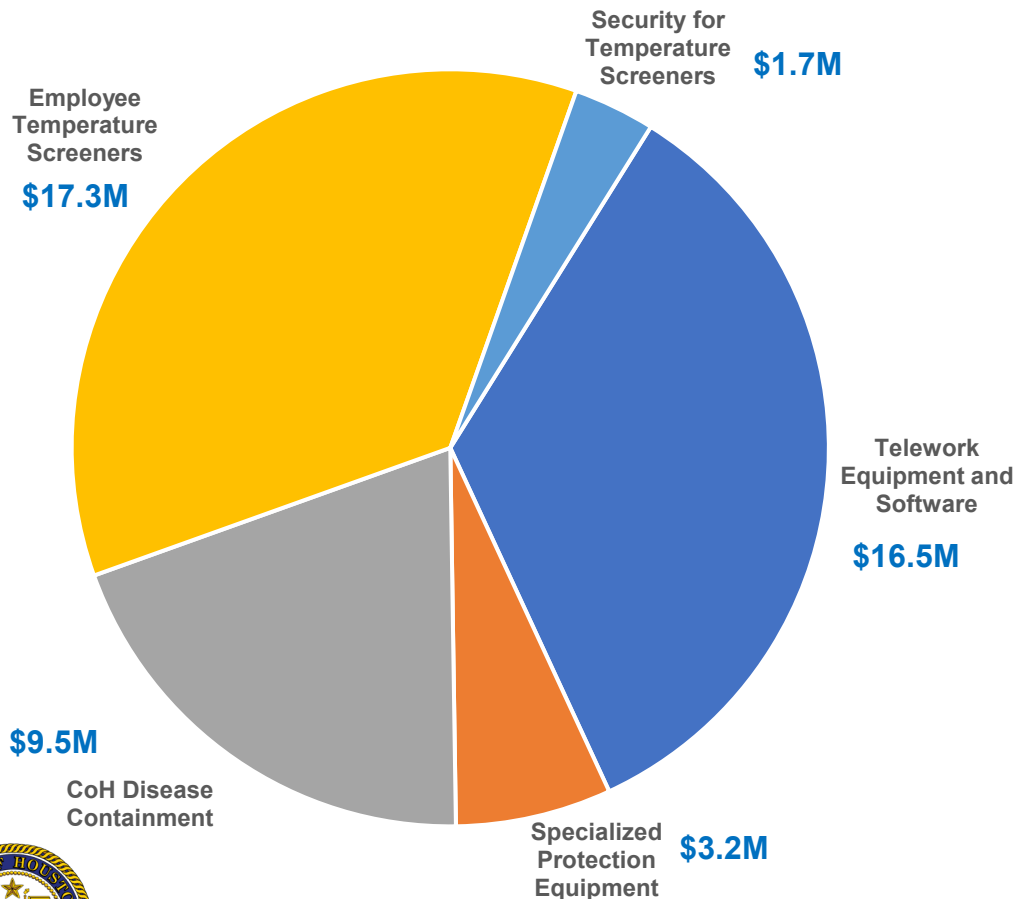
- Hard/disposable assets for immediate health response.
- Vast number of new/enhanced services for an effective response
- Real-time, leading health advancement activities – e.g. Wastewater studies.
- This spend category remains fluid as more is learned about the virus.

Note: in millions



Safe Work Environment Subgroup

CRF \$48.2 million



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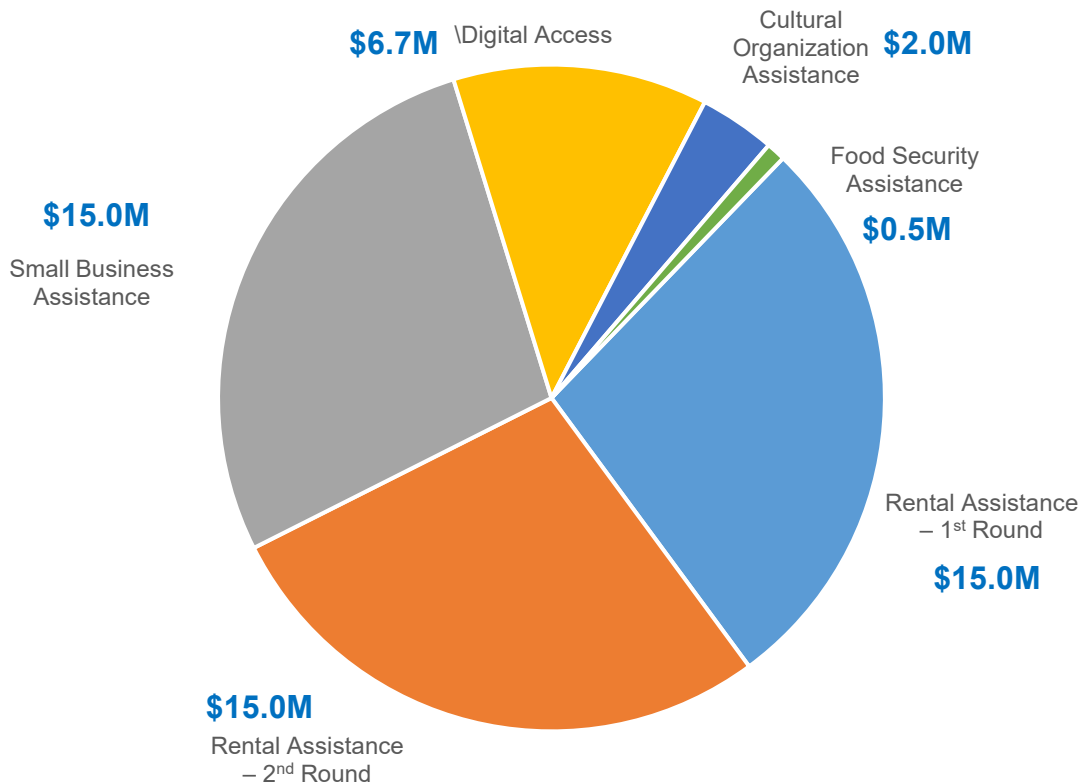
- Enable virtual working when possible/effective.
 - Including addressing unintended threats: cyber breach
- Safer city facilities via enhanced screening & cleaning methods
- Protection equipment for first responders to reduced person to person contact.
- More could be done in this category.

Note: in millions



Community Support Programs Subgroup

CRF \$54.2 million



Key Takeaways

- Small business grant program launched mid-August.
- Second round of rental assistance went live on 8/17.
- Cultural support program launched mid-August.
- Household digital access program is under development.

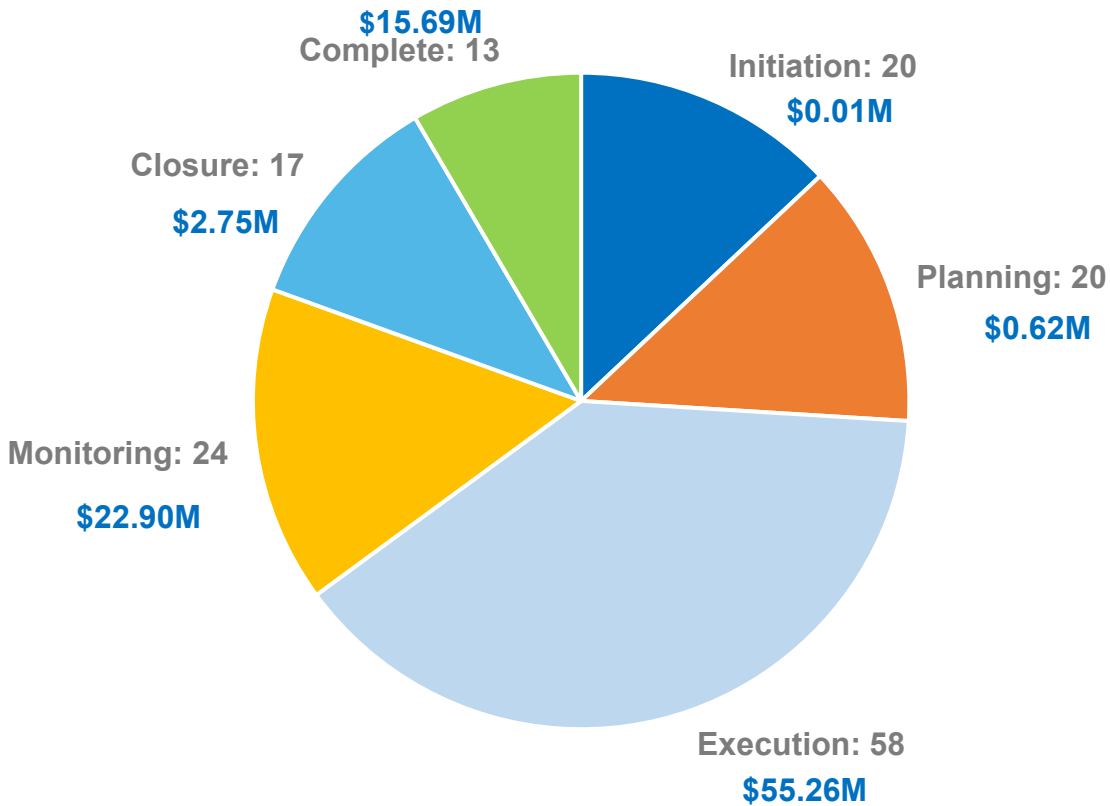
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Project Performance Tracking

Key Takeaways

- 152 projects currently approved.
 - 139 in progress
 - 13 completed
- Projects in all stages of development.
- Approximately \$100M fully expended to date with significant funding committed.
- Bi-weekly performance tracking program in place.



Note: in millions



Approved and Pending Programs

Programs Approved

- \$367K - Translation and interpretation services
- \$508K – HER Task Force Community Street Teams program.
- \$40K - A/C trailers for outdoor temperature screening sites.
- \$460K – Food and supplies for homeless emergency shelter.
- \$28K – Saturday municipal court program.

Programs Pending

- HER Task Force non-student digital access program.
- Enhanced communications and messaging strategy for LatinX community.
- UV lighting disease containment program in City buildings.



Questions?



**THANK
YOU!**

