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## **LAGUNA NIGUEL CITY COUNCIL APPROVES FUNDING TO SUPPORT RESIDENTS WITH HOUSING AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE, AND FOOD BANK SERVICES**

**Laguna Niguel, CA** – On Tuesday, August 4, 2020, the Laguna Niguel City Council unanimously approved a budget appropriation for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) COVID-19 (CV) Activities. CDBG-CV funding is made possible by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act, which is distributed to eligible states and governments. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the City of Laguna Niguel with an allocation of CDBG funds geared towards eligible activities specifically related to COVID-19.

The City Council's approval provided \$85,940 to both Family Assistance Ministries (F.A.M.) and South County Outreach to directly support an increase in requests for housing and utility assistance and food bank services due to COVID-19. Funds provided to F.A.M. and South County Outreach are designated for Laguna Niguel residents only, with distribution of these funds to be directly administered by the respective organizations. The City's Community Development Department was able to utilize a HUD waiver to expedite processing to provide immediate assistance to residents.

Mayor Laurie Davies stated, *"Many Laguna Niguel residents are in need of immediate assistance for utilities, housing, and food due to COVID-19. I am proud that my Council colleagues and I unanimously approved this immediate assistance. I would like to thank Family Assistance Ministries and South County Outreach for their continued support of Laguna Niguel residents during difficult times."*

Residents interested in being considered for this program funding can contact F.A.M. at (949) 366-0357, and/or South County Outreach at (949) 380-8144.

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