

TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY
RESOLUTION – 2022-03

A RESOLUTION concerning the Cottage City ARPA Food & Vaccination Incentive Gift Card Program.

WHEREAS, many of our Town residents and their families, have been financially affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, emergency declarations issued by the Federal, State and County level remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to present economic challenges for the Town residents and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Acting Town Manager has recommended that the Town Commission implement the relief program (Cottage City ARPA Food & Vaccination Incentive Gift Card Program), to assist individuals, families with gift cards to purchase food and gift cards to be given away as incentives at the Town's COVID-19 vaccination events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as we continue to address the COVID-19 pandemic, Cottage City residents who meet the following eligibility criteria and requirements, may apply for gift cards to purchase food and supplies or participate in any Town sponsored COVID-19 Vaccination Events:

a) Food and Supplies Gift Cards

Purpose

- The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance to eligible Town of Cottage City residents and families who have been directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. \$50 Gift Cards will be issued to families with 2 or less member and \$100 for families with 3 or more members.

Eligibility

- Must be a Cottage City resident
- Must show proof of hardship
- The applicant must provide bill statements, that they would like to be paid.
 - o Acceptable Bills: Rent/Mortgage/Water/Electric/Natural Gas
- No Funds will be given to the applicant. All bills will be paid directly to the outstanding account.
- Town of Cottage City property taxes and other Town bills/obligations are not eligible

Requirements

- Completed application form with required documentation
- Proof of residency may be established through any two* of the following:

- Sign copy of a deed, mortgage, or lease agreement
- Utility bill with applicant's name and address, issued within the last 60 days
- Bank statement issued within the last 60 days
- Current, valid insurance policy
- Recent voter registration card
- Government benefits statement
- Government ID Card/Drivers License with address
- Proof of hardship (include any of the following documentation):
 - Confirmation of rent, mortgage, or utility delinquencies on letterhead from interested party (a copy of the bill will suffice if it shows the delinquencies)
 - Letter or documentation from former employer
 - Signed statement pertaining to COVID-19 impact or non-essential status for 1099 (contract) workers or self-employed individuals
 - 2019 and/or 2020 tax return(s) as filed with the IRS
 - Documentation of acceptance under other Government financial aid programs
 - Proof of unemployment benefits or application
 - Letter of furlough or layoff from employer
 - Receipt of SNAP/TANF benefits
 - Receipt of Social Security Income
 - Medicaid
 - Residing in subsidized housing
 - Family eligible for free/reduced lunch at schools

b) COVID-19 Vaccination Incentive Gift Cards

Purpose

- The goal of this program is to provide an incentive to get COVID-19 vaccinations into arms of individuals residing in and around the Town of Cottage City. A \$10 Gift Card for non-resident and \$25 for all Cottage City residents will be issued to eligible individuals that meet the requirements.

Eligibility

- Open to anyone attending a Town of Cottage City sponsored vaccination event.

Requirements

- Individual must receive a COVID-19 Vaccination or booster shot.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Resolution shall further amend the FY21/22 Budget to reflect the following changes:

Increase: ARPA Food & Vaccination Incentive Gift Card Program \$25,000

Decrease: ARPA Fund Grant \$25,000

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect on the day it is adopted.

TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY, MARYLAND

By: Wanda Wheatley
Wanda Wheatley, Commission-Chair

CERTIFICATION

I, HERBY CERTIFY, as the duly appointed Acting Town Manager of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland, that on 21st day January 2022 with 4 Aye votes, 0 Nay votes and 1 Absent, the aforesaid Resolution 2022-03 Passed.

Anthony L. Ayers, Sr.
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Acting Town Manager

\$25,000.00 Budget