

Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan and 2019-2024 Consolidated Plan



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Background



- The City receives an annual allocation of funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Funded activities align to the City's goal of creating a livable and sustainable community.
- These funds are used to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and affordable housing.



Entitlement Grants



- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – used for a wide range of community development needs.
- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) – used to create affordable housing for low-income households.
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) – used to address homelessness.



Analysis



- In addition to the City's 2019-2020 annual CDBG funding allocation of \$2,806,594, the City will receive \$1,725,897 in additional CDBG funding authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).
- In addition to the City's 2019-2020 annual ESG funding allocation of \$238,128, the City will receive \$850,376 in additional ESG funding authorized by the CARES Act.
- CDBG & ESG CARES Act funding covers the period through 9/30/22.



Analysis- CBDG



- CBDG funding authorized by the CARES Act must be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).
- All newly proposed CBDG activities fall within the public services category.



Analysis- CBDG



- Supplemental Assistance for Domestic Violence Shelters
 - \$75,000 across three organizations.
 - Additional funding amounts will be allocated at 30% of the organization's 2019/2020 allocation.
 - Additional funding to be allocated for the 2020/2021 program year to be determined.



Analysis- CBDG



- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Voucher Program
 - \$150,000 over a two year period.
 - A program to provide vouchers for nonprofit organizations and/or small businesses employing low-income workers, and/or small business serving low income neighborhoods to obtain PPE.



Analysis- CBDG



- Homeless Case Management Services Program
 - \$420,000
 - The program assists designated social services organizations to assist homeless individuals or families to secure permanent housing and to provide ongoing services.



Analysis- CBDG



- The remaining \$735,718 is set aside to create other activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.



Analysis- CBDG



- Administration costs totaling \$345,179 are set aside at 20% of award amount.



Analysis- ESG



- ESG funding authorized by the CARES Act must be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 among individuals and families who are homeless and to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.



Analysis- ESG



- HumanKind Emergency Shelter
 - \$120,000 for operating support in April and May.
 - Extended the services of HumanKind's winter shelter, which traditionally ends in March.



Analysis- ESG



- United Way Hotel/Motel Voucher Program
 - \$300,510
 - This program provides hotel vouchers for those homeless individuals who are either undergoing testing for COVID-19, or have been diagnosed with COVID-19, so that they are able to safely quarantine away from others.



Analysis- ESG



- \$194,829 is set aside in the homeless services and assistance category for activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- \$150,000 is set aside for homeless prevention activities to provide rent assistance to individuals and families who are at risk of being evicted due to nonpayment of rent as a result of COVID-19.



Analysis- ESG



- Administration costs totaling \$85,037 are set aside at 10% of award amount.



Financial Considerations



- There is no impact to the General Fund.



Recommendation



- It is recommended that the City Council close the public hearing for the Substantial Amendment to the first year Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Plan; approve the Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 first year Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Plan; approve the funding allocations; authorize the necessary signatures.



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