

CARES Act Funding Allocations



Housing & Community
Services Department

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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. The 2020-21 award amount is \$2,933,865
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) – used to address homelessness. The 2020-21 award amount is \$246,609



CARES Act



- As a result of the passage of the Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the City has received additional CDBG and ESG allocations
- Jurisdictions have until June 24, 2022 to expend additional allocations of ESG-CV funds
- Jurisdictions have until June 25, 2023 to expend 80% of additional allocations of CDBG-CV funds; the remaining 20% must be expended by June 25, 2026



CARES Act



- Community Development Block Grant- CARES (CDBG-CV) – used to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19; total award amount is an additional \$1,725,897
- Emergency Solutions Grant- CARES (ESG-CV) – used to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19 among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance; total award amount is an additional \$3,301,120



CARES Act



- The following allocation recommendations were made available on the City's website for public comment on October 1, 2020



CDBG-CV



- Staff proposes the following funding allocations for CDBG-CV



CDBG-CV Supplemental DV Funding



Total allocated: \$75,000

- At the July 21, 2020 Council Meeting, the City Council set aside \$75,000 in CDBG-CV for supplemental assistance for the Domestic Violence (DV) shelter services providers
- Staff reached out to the 20/21 CDBG funded DV shelter services providers to evaluate additional needs as a result of COVID-19



CDBG-CV Supplemental DV Funding



Total allocated: \$75,000

- Catholic Charities, Harbor House- \$27,000
- StepStone Inc.- \$6,900
- Wichita Family Crisis Center- \$38,100
- Raise My Head Foundation- \$3,000



CDBG-CV Supplemental DV Funding



Total allocated: \$75,000

- Initial supplemental CDBG-CV allocations to the DV shelter services providers were capped at 30% of their 20/21 regular CDBG allocation
- Staff will continue to communicate with DV providers to evaluate additional needs that may arise as a result of the pandemic



CDBG-CV Supplemental YCP&E Funding



Total allocated: \$19,900

- Staff reached out to the 20/21 CDBG funded Youth Crime Prevention and Enrichment (YCP&E) providers to evaluate additional needs as a result of COVID-19
- Two of the three agencies demonstrated additional needs



CDBG-CV Supplemental YCP&E Funding



Total allocated: \$19,900

- YMCA- \$10,000
- Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters- \$9,900



CDBG-CV Supplemental YCP&E Funding



Total allocated: \$19,900

- Initial supplemental CDBG-CV allocations to the YCP&E providers were capped at 30% of their 20/21 regular CDBG allocation
- Staff will continue to communicate with YCP&E providers to evaluate additional needs that may arise as a result of the pandemic



CDBG-CV Supplemental Youth Services



Total allocated: \$6,200

- Park and Recreation- Planeview Youth Activity Program measures to support social distancing and sanitation



CDBG-CV Food Box Programming



Total allocated: \$90,000

- Continuance of bi-weekly food box programming in the four high-risk senior multifamily public housing properties for 12 additional weeks- \$40,000
- Fall and winter food box deliveries for elderly (62 and up) public housing scattered site tenants and elderly Housing Choice Voucher clients- \$50,000



CDBG-CV Allocation Overview



Activity	2019-20 Allocations	2020-21 Allocations	2020-21 Additional Allocation Recommendations
Program Administration and Indirect Costs	\$52,514	\$146,333	
Increased funding for Domestic Violence Shelters	\$75,000		\$75,000
Increased funding for Youth Crime Prevention and Enrichment			\$19,900
Planeview Youth			\$6,200
Connect2Compete Internet Program		\$135,120	
Office of Community Services – WIFI Hotspot Program		\$50,000	
Office of Community Services – Outreach Activities		\$30,000	
COVID-19 Food Box Programs		\$40,000	\$90,000
Other Public Services Activities to Respond to COVID-19		\$229,558	
Total	\$127,514	\$631,011	\$191,100



ESG-CV



- Staff proposes the following funding allocations for ESG-CV



ESG-CV Homeless Prevention



Total allocated: \$200,000

- Funding will be utilized to assist individuals and families documented to be under threat of eviction with temporary rent and utilities assistance
- Staff expects demand for funding will increase once the eviction moratorium expires



ESG-CV Homeless Prevention



Total allocated: \$200,000

- Center of Hope, Inc.- \$100,000
- The Salvation Army- \$100,000



ESG-CV WHALIP



Total allocated: \$100,000

- Funds will support the new Wichita Housing Authority Landlord Incentive Program (WHALIP)
- WHALIP provides financial assistance for damages, unpaid rent, or holding costs during the first year of a lease to incentivize landlords to lease and maintain safe, affordable rental housing capacity for homeless individuals and families



ESG-CV Homeless Outreach



Total allocated: \$250,000

- The Homeless Outreach/Social Worker Internship program is designed to assist unsheltered homeless individuals or families with identification of needed services
- The 18 month program will provide funds for a qualified outreach supervisor and 4 part time (20 hours a week) MSW student interns from Newman University



ESG-CV Allocation Overview



Activity	2019-20 Allocations	2020-21 Recommendation	2020-21 Additional Allocation Recommendations
Program Administration and Indirect Costs*	\$9,488	\$160,311	
HumanKind 24-Hour Emergency Shelter	\$120,000		
United Way Hotel/Motel Voucher Program	\$300,510		
Homeless Caseworker Program	\$209,361	\$209,361	
Homeless Services-WHALIP			\$100,000
Homeless Services-Outreach			\$250,000
Homeless Services Activities		\$74,044	
Rapid Rehousing		\$319,360	
Homeless Prevention-Center of Hope			\$100,000
Homeless Prevention-Salvation Army			\$100,000
Homeless Prevention Activities		\$119,360	
Total	\$639,359	\$882,436	\$550,000



Financial Considerations



- ESG-CV Funding is exempt from match requirements and must be committed by December 25, 2020
- There is no impact to the General Fund



Legal Considerations



- All funding agreements will be approved as to form by the Law Department



Recommendation



- It is recommended that the City Council approve the funding allocations and recommendations, and authorize the funding agreements and necessary signatures



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