


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	20-554	Meeting:	December 21, 2020
	Agenda Item:	29	Roll Call:	20-2114
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of supplemental Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV), second round, funding agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to prepare for, prevent, and respond to coronavirus.

SYNOPSIS:

The City of Des Moines has received a second round of federal funding to address community needs as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Staff submitted the second amendment to the Annual Action Plan to HUD, which was approved on December 8, 2020. This action authorizes the ESG-CV, second round, grant agreement with HUD to be executed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$2,081,414

Funding Source: HUD

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On December 7, 2020, the Council approved an advance of \$300,000 from the general fund to HOME, Inc. to prevent a gap in homelessness prevention services while the City waited for this grant agreement. This action to approve the ESG-CV grant agreement with HUD will be the funding that reimburses the general fund advance to HOME, Inc.
- As mentioned in the roll call, the recommended funding levels by ESG-CV program component are:
 - \$208,141.40, or 10%, for general administration;
 - \$62,442.42 administration of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS);
 - \$50,000.00 for Centralized Intake;
 - \$697,791.63 for Rapid Rehousing;
 - \$352,166.04 for Homelessness Prevention;
 - \$622,831.00 for Emergency Shelter; and
 - \$88,041.51 for Outreach

- There have been three (3) rounds of federal funding to prepare, prevent, and respond to coronavirus. A summary of the City's awards is below:

Notification of Funding to City	City Council Approval	Description	Amount
4/2/2020	5/4/2020	CDBG-CV, round 1	\$ 2,231,212
4/2/2020	5/4/2020	ESG-CV, round 1	\$ 1,108,334
7/31/2020	9/14/2020	CDBG-CV, round 2	\$ 1,951,677
6/9/2020	11/23/2020	ESG-CV, round 2	\$ 2,081,414
9/11/2020		CDBG-CV, round 3	\$ 1,241,887
CDBG-CV Subtotal			\$ 5,424,776
ESG-CV Subtotal			\$ 3,189,748
Total Funding			\$ 8,614,524

- Although it is almost the program year 2021, HUD has required that all amendments to Action Plans related to CARES Act funding be made to the Action Plan that had been most recently approved as of January 21, 2020. For the City of Des Moines, the most recently approved Action Plan as of January 21, 2020 was the 2019 Action Plan. Consequently, all amendments for CARES Act funding (i.e. CDBG-CV and ESG-CV) will fall under the 2019 Action Plan.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 7, 2020

Roll Call Number: [20-2013](#)

Action: [General](#) fund advance for homelessness prevention under the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funding, second round, to Home, Inc. and Emergency Housing Assistance under Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV), second round, to IMPACT to prepare, prevent and respond to coronavirus. ([Council Communication No. 20-527](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Continuum of Care Board

Date: October 12, 2020

Resolution Number: 3.1. Emergency Solutions Grant Funding allocated by CARES Act

Action: Approve the recommended ESG-CV Round 2 allocation percentages.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was distributed to service providers in late November. Proposals are under review by the Continuum of Care (CoC) grant committee. The recommendations from the CoC and Council approval of selected subrecipients will be on a Council agenda in January or February 2021.

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