

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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|  | Number:       | <b>22-081</b>  | Meeting:   | <b>March 7, 2022</b> |
|   | Agenda Item:  | <b>42</b>  | Roll Call: | <b>22-0334</b>       |
|   | Submitted by: | <b>Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director</b> |            |                      |

## AGENDA HEADING:

Reallocation of unspent 2020 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

## SYNOPSIS:

In 2019, five (5) organizations received a total of \$321,417.00 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds to address homelessness in the City of Des Moines. Approximately \$50,000 is estimated to remain unspent by the end of the contract period. As a result, this action reallocates the unspent funds to Hawthorn Hill.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$50,000

Funding Source: FY21 Operating Budget, Community Development Department, Special Revenue and Other Funds, Homeless Grants, Page 55.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Primary Health Care (PHC) was awarded \$116,270.42. Its ESG contract with the City ends in April, and PHC staff estimate they will be unable to expend \$50,000.00 of their 2020 award.
- Hawthorn Hill received \$13,000 of ESG funds in 2019 and \$13,000 of ESG funds in 2020, totaling \$26,000. Hawthorn Hill's staff has indicated it can expend the reallocated funds before the deadline.
- Hawthorn Hill will use the funds for operations and case management at their emergency shelter that serves homeless families and children.
- The ESG program is designed to assist people to swiftly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness. There are five (5) eligible categories of assistance:
  - Street Outreach
  - Emergency Shelters (including transitional housing)
  - Homelessness Prevention Assistance

- Rapid Re-housing Assistance
  - Provide Homeless Management Information System for data collection
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- The City solicits and awards ESG funds on a 2-year cycle.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: May 10, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-0702](#)

Action: [Reallocation](#) of prior years' unspent Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). ([Council Communication No. 21-203](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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