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**APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND ADVANCE FOR HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION UNDER THE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG-CV), SECOND ROUND, TO HOME, INC. AND EMERGENCY HOUSING ASSISTANCE UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG-CV), SECOND ROUND, TO IMPACT TO PREPARE, PREVENT, AND RESPOND TO CORONAVIRUS**

**WHEREAS**, on March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was signed into Public Law 116-136, which provides additional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funding to prepare, prevent, and respond to coronavirus; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 4, 2020, by Roll Call 20-0792, the City Council approved \$684,970 of CDBG-CV round one funds to be used housing subsistence payments, a program which has been administered by IMPACT Community Action Agency on behalf of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 11, 2020, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the availability of a second round of \$1 billion in CDBG-CV funds for states which allows them to fund activities in entitlement areas; and

**WHEREAS**, HUD allocated \$9,529,120 in CDBG-CV funds to the State of Iowa and administered by Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA); and

**WHEREAS**, IEDA chose a methodology for funding entitlement cities based on population and a standard factor and has proposed an allocation of \$1,951,677 CDBG-CV funds to the City of Des Moines; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 9, 2020, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the availability of a second round of ESG-CV funds for the City of Des Moines to use among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance and to support additional homeless prevention activities; and

**WHEREAS**, HUD allocated \$2,081,414 in a second round of ESG-CV funds to the City of Des Moines; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 13, 2020, by Roll Call No. 20-1114, the City Council approved \$330,487.85 of ESG-CV, first round, funds to Home Opportunities Made Easy, Incorporated (HOME, Inc.) as the homelessness prevention subrecipient; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 10, 2020, Polk County Continuum of Care Board amended the centralized intake system for homeless assistance policies and procedures to reflect that HOME, Inc. is the centralized point of contact for homelessness prevention during the COVID-19 response; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 14, 2020, by Roll Call No. 20-1511, the City Council approved an application submission to IEDA for CDBG-CV second round activities to include:

- \$926,677 for Housing Subsistence Payments;
- \$500,000 for Mental Health Services;

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- \$500,000 Childcare Expansion; and
- \$25,000 Personal Protection Equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 23, 2020, by Roll Call No. 20-1977, the City Council approved the following recommended funding levels for ESG-CV second round components to include in the second amendment to the 2019 Action Plan:

- \$208,141.40, or 10 percent, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, IMPACT Community Action Agency and HOME, Inc. have allocated all their CDBG-CV and ESG-CV, first round, funds to Des Moines residents for housing assistance and homelessness prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, many Des Moines residents continue to experience financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has created housing instability for tenants and payment uncertainty for property owners and landlords; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Des Moines recognizes the need to provide gap assistance for housing assistance and homelessness prevention to alleviate the emotional strain of potentially losing one's home due to nonpayment of rent, while the City follows the proper legal procedures and timelines in obtaining its CDBG-CV and ESG-CV second round funding from IEDA and HUD.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, as follows:

1. The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to allocate \$200,000 of General Fund to IMPACT as an advance for the previously approved CDBG-CV second round activities, which will be reimbursed by CDBG-CV second round funds once those funds are available from HUD and as passed through IEDA.
2. The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to allocate \$300,000 of General Fund to HOME, Inc. as an advance for the previously approved ESG-CV homelessness prevention funding, which will be reimbursed by ESG-CV second round funds once those funds are available from HUD.
3. Consistent with Roll Call No. 96-1034, dated March 18, 1996, regarding contract and amendment procedures for ESG funded projects, the City Council authorizes and directs the City Manager to approve and execute the detailed work program and written agreements with the awarded nonprofit agency and governmental entity and to approve and execute necessary amendments to the work programs and written agreements that do not involve any substantive change in location, level of service, time period, budget or project purpose.

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MOVED BY Gatto TO ADOPT

FORM APPROVED:

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CERTIFICATE

I, P. Kay Cmelik, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED
J. M. Franklin Cownie
Mayor

P. Kay Cmelik
City Clerk