

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 19ESG-CV2 REVISIONS TO SUPPORT FAMILY SHELTER

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 Action Plan for Use of \$267,003.29 in Federal Grant Funds, Authorize Execution of Contract Amendments to Agreements with Nonprofit Subrecipients of Emergency Solutions Grant Funds Received under the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery and Economic Security Act, and Authorize Execution of Contract with The Salvation Army, a Georgia Nonprofit Corporation for Emergency Shelter Services for Families Experiencing Homelessness

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize a substantial amendment to the 2019-2020 Action Plan for use of Federal Grant Funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development revising allocation of such funds among local nonprofit homeless service providers;
2. Authorize execution of contract amendments to agreements with nonprofit subrecipients of Emergency Solutions Grant funds received under the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery and Economic Security Act;
3. Authorize execution of contract with The Salvation Army, a Georgia Nonprofit Corporation for emergency shelter services for families experiencing homelessness; and
4. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to further amend the agreements if necessary to achieve program goals and meet Housing and Urban Development expenditure deadlines, provided the amendment is within the scope of the program and in compliance with applicable City policies, laws and regulations.

DISCUSSION:

In April 2020, the City of Fort Worth (City) was awarded \$2,202,959.00 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery and Economic Security (CARES) Act to support the City’s response to the coronavirus pandemic among the homeless and at-risk population (ESG-CV). In June 2020, the City was awarded an additional \$6,070,529.00 in ESG funds to expand the City’s ability to assist homeless and at-risk residents (ESG-CV2). The City Council approved allocation of these funds to local nonprofit homeless service providers on May 19, June 23, and September 15, 2020, through Mayor & Council (M&C) Communications Nos. 20-0330, 20-0471, and 20-0657. Funding priorities for the allocations were Rapid Rehousing (65%), Shelter Operations (11%); Outreach to Unsheltered (8%), and Homelessness Prevention (6%), with 10% authorized for program administration by the City and its nonprofit partners. The expenditure deadline for use of all ESG-CV2 funds is September 30, 2023.

To ensure funds are fully expended by this deadline and to address priorities which have arisen since initial allocations were made, staff is recommending amendments to some of the ESG-CV2 contracts to change funding allocations and scopes of service as detailed below.

The table below summarizes proposed contract scope and allocation changes to be formalized in contract amendments. Each affected agency either requested or was thoroughly consulted regarding the change, and all fully concurred with the proposed changes. The proposed revisions have been publicized as required by HUD guidelines for use of ESG-CV2 funds, through placement of a notice on the City’s website and publication of a five-day public notice in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. Due to previously approved contract amendments, some current contract amounts listed below may vary from the original contract amount.

Agency/Program Name	Original Contract Amount	Allocation Adjustment Amount	New Contract Amount	Proposed Change
Presbyterian Night Shelter/Cold Weather Emergency Shelter: City Secretary Contract No. 58648	\$66,000.00	(\$19,527.51)	\$46,472.49	Reduction by \$19,527.51; reallocation to Emergency Shelter Services (new TSA contract for \$19,527.51)

Day Resource Center/Cold Weather Emergency Shelter; City Secretary Contract No. 55225	\$238,000.00	(\$67,475.78)	\$170,524.22	Reduction by \$67,475.78), reallocation to Emergency Shelter Services (new TSA contract for \$67,475.78)
Presbyterian Night Shelter: Rapid Rehousing; City Secretary Contract No. 54965	\$1,142,000.00	(\$180,000.00)	\$962,000.00	Reduction in contract by \$180,000.00), reallocation to Emergency Shelter Services (new TSA contract for \$180,000.00)
The Salvation Army, A Georgia Nonprofit Corporation; Family Emergency Shelter Services		\$267,003.29	\$267,003.29	New contract for \$267,003.29

The new contract with The Salvation Army, a Georgia Nonprofit Corporation for family emergency shelter services will be made up of these reallocated funds.

Since no City salaries will be charged, indirect cost recovery does not apply.

Section 2-9(11) of the City Code allows for any contract or other legal instruments necessary to provide public assistance from funds available under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, as may be amended, or from funds available under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, as may be amended to be administratively approved by the City Manager. When possible, items will be brought to the City Council prior to execution of any contracts or amendments; however, staff anticipates that in order to meet the approaching expenditure deadline, that future amendments may require administrative approval. Staff will provide updates via Informal Reports or M&Cs seeking ratification of any changes made under this administrative mechanism.

Services are available in ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of these recommendations will have no material effect on City funds.

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