

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 19AMEND 2022-2025 ACTION PLANS CDBG AND ESG REALLOCATION

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Substantial Amendments to the City of Fort Worth's 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Action Plans to Approve Changes in Use of Existing Appropriations in the Emergency Solutions Grant and Community Development Block Grant Funds in the Identified Amounts and to the Identified Agencies and Authorize Execution of any Related Contracts

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize Substantial Amendments to the City of Fort Worth's 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 Action Plans;
2. Authorize a change of use and decrease in existing appropriations in the amount of \$47,853.65 in Emergency Solutions Grant funds currently allocated to the Center for Transforming Lives Rapid Rehousing Program;
3. Authorize a change in use and increase in existing appropriations in the amount of \$47,853.65 in Emergency Solutions Grant funds for Cornerstone Assistance Network New Life Center Rapid Rehousing Program;
4. Authorize a change in use and decrease in existing appropriations in the amount of \$90,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant funds currently allocated to the AB Christian Learning Center Out of School Time Program;
5. Authorize a change in use and decrease in existing appropriations in the amount of \$50,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant funds currently allocated to the Cancer Care Services Increasing Health Equity by Decreasing Health Disparities Program;
6. Authorize a change in use and increase in existing appropriations in the amount of \$140,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant funds to United Community Centers Holistic Educational Literacy Program;
7. Authorize a change in use and decrease in existing appropriations in the amount of \$81,731.00 in Community Development Block Grant funds to The Ladder Alliance;
8. Authorize a change in use and increase in existing appropriations in the amount of \$81,731.00 in Community Development Block Grant funds to Safe City Commission dba One Safe Place; and
9. Authorize execution of and/or amendment of any related contracts.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor & Council Communication (M&C) is to (1) authorize substantial amendments to the City of Fort Worth's 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 Action Plans, (2) authorize a change in use and expenditure in the amount of \$47,853.65 of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds, and (3) authorize a change in use and expenditure in the amount of \$221,731.00 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The ESG funds will be reallocated to the Cornerstone Assistance Network New Life Center Rapid Rehousing program from an unexpended ESG balance currently allocated to the Center for Transforming Lives Rapid Rehousing Program and other unexpended funds. The CDBG funds will be reallocated to United Community Center's Holistic Educational Literacy Program and Safe City Commission dba One Safe Place from available funds previously allocated to public service agencies - AB Christian Learning Center, Cancer Care Services, and The Ladder Alliance.

On August 9, 2022, and August 8, 2023, the City Council approved the 2022-2023 (M&C 22-0569) and 2023-2024 (M&C 23-0631) Annual Action Plans for the use of HUD grant funds. The 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan included a grant to the Center for Transforming Lives' (CTL) Rapid Rehousing Program in the amount of \$98,743.00 in ESG funds. At the end of the 2022-2023 program year, CTL had \$27,783.65 in unexpended ESG funds remaining. Additionally, unprogrammed funds in the amount of \$20,070.00 in ESG funds from the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan were still available. This resulted in a total of \$47,853.65 available for reallocation to an eligible ESG-funded Rapid Rehousing Program.

The use of \$47,853.65 in ESG funds will support Cornerstone's New Life Center Rapid Rehousing Program, which is designed to assist individuals experiencing homelessness secure stable housing through rental assistance, social service referrals, and case management services. This meets the Council-approved goals of Homelessness Prevention and Special Needs Support.

On June 25, 2024, the City Council approved the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan (M&C 24-0552) for the use of HUD grant funds. The 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan included contracts with AB Christian Learning Center in the amount of \$90,000.00 for the Out of School Time Program and with Cancer Care Services in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the Increasing Health Equity by Decreasing Health Disparities. Following City Council approval, AB Christian Learning Center rescinded acceptance of its award and Cancer Care Services terminated its contract. In compliance with HUD regulations, the Neighborhood Services Department is recommending that funds be reallocated to another eligible public service agency - United Community Centers.

The 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan also included a contract with The Ladder Alliance in the amount of \$81,731.00 for the Tarrant County Workforce Development program. After City Council approval, The Ladder Alliance merged with Safe City Commission dba One Safe Place on January 1, 2025. In compliance with HUD regulations, the Neighborhood Services Department is recommending that funds be reallocated to the new eligible public service agency - Safe City Commission dba One Safe Place. The Ladder Alliance is now officially a program of One Safe

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