

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

Approve Allocation of \$58,000.00 of Unprogrammed Community Development Block Grant Funds for the Ash Crescent Neighborhood Summer Day Camp for Educational Enrichment Activities for Children by the United Community Centers, Inc., Emergency Shelter Services for Homeless Families at The Salvation Army, a Georgia Corporation, and for Social Services by the EnVision Center Program at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, Authorize Substantial Amendment to the City's 2019-2020 Action Plan, Authorize the Substitution of Funding Years, and Authorize Execution of a Contract(s) and/or Amendments(s) (COUNCIL DISTRICTS 5 and 8)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize a change in use and expenditure of \$23,000.00 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) unprogrammed funds and execution of a contract amendment with the United Community Centers, Inc. for the Ash Crescent Neighborhood Summer Day Camp Program;
2. Authorize a change in use and expenditure of \$18,000.00 of CDBG unprogrammed funds and execution of a contract with The Salvation Army, a Georgia Corporation for a family shelter program case manager for approval by the City Manager; and
3. Authorize a change in use and expenditure of \$17,000.00 of CDBG unprogrammed funds for direct client assistance for the EnVision Center Program at Martin Luther King Community Center.

DISCUSSION:

On August 6, 2019, City Council approved the City's 2019-2020 Action Plan for submission to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) (M&C 19-0016). The Action Plan included funding for \$7,270,678.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded activities.

CDBG program income funds come from the repayment of loans and the sale of CDBG-assisted properties. HUD regulations authorize the City to use up to 15% of the amount of the prior years' program income for public service activities during the next program year. Since \$394,706.19 was received in CDBG program income in 2018-2019, **\$58,000.00** in additional public service funding may be expended in the 2019-2020 program year.

The opportunity to increase PSA funded services by **\$58,000.00** was presented to the Community Development Council (CDC) on December 18, 2019. CDC recommended that these funds be dedicated to the following high priority activities:

- United Community Centers, Inc.: **\$23,000.00** for the Ash Crescent Neighborhood Summer Day Camp held at The Greater United Missionary Baptist Church, located at 1624 E. Jessamine.
- The Salvation Army, a Georgia Corporation at 1855 E. Lancaster Ave.: **\$18,000.00** for a homeless case manager position at the Family Shelter.
- Martin Luther King EnVision Center at 5525 Truman Dr.: **\$17,000.00 for direct client assistance** to increase employability and self-sufficiency, through its existing Community Action Partners (CAP) Works Program.

A public comment period on this proposed substantial amendment to the 2019-20 Action Plan was held from January 12, 2020 to February 11, 2020. All comments received are maintained by the Neighborhood Services Department. To expend oldest grant funds first, the "first in, first out" principle may be used to determine the Action Plan funding years used for expenditures.

The United Community Centers, Inc./Ash Crescent Neighborhood and The Salvation Army are located in COUNCIL DISTRICTS 5 and 8.

The EnVision Center is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 5

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract legally does not require City Council approval.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendation, funds are available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating Federal Fund. Neighborhood Services will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to expenditure being incurred, Neighborhood Services has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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