

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

Authorize Allocation of \$45,000.00 of Deobligated Community Development Block Grant Funds to United Community Centers, Inc. for the Ash Crescent Neighborhood Summer Day Camp for Children and to AB Christian Learning Center for After School Tutoring and Freedom School Summer Reading, Authorize Substantial Amendment to the City's 2019-2020 Action Plan, Authorize the Substitution of Funding Years, and Authorize Execution of Related Contract Documents (COUNCIL DISTRICTS 5 and 8)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council:

1. Authorize the allocation of \$45,000.00 of deobligated Community Development Block Grant funds from the Stop Six Church of Christ Fort Worth Reads and Rights Program to United Community Centers, Inc. and AB Christian Learning Center;
 2. Authorize execution of a contract amendment with United Community Centers, Inc. in the amount of \$6,335.00 for the Ash Crescent Neighborhood Summer Day Camp Program;
 3. Authorize execution of a contract amendment with AB Christian Learning Center in the amount of \$19,332.50 for an After School Tutoring Program;
 4. Authorize execution of a contract amendment with AB Christian Learning Center in the amount of \$19,332.50 for the Freedom School Summer Reading Program; and
 5. Authorize a substantial amendment to the City's 2019-2020 Action Plan and the substitution of funding years.
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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 \$7,420,678.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded activities.

CDBG funds were allocated to Stop Six Church of Christ Fort Worth Reads and Rights. HUD regulations authorize the City to deobligate funds for public service activities during the current program year. Since \$45,000.00 was not accepted by the Stop Six Church of Christ for the Fort Worth Reads and Rights due to changes in their operations to a new location, \$45,000.00 in additional public service funding may be reallocated in the 2019-2020 program year.

The opportunity to increase Public Service Agency funded services by \$45,000.00 was presented to the Community Development Council (CDC) on March 11, 2020. CDC recommended that these funds be dedicated to the following high priority activities:

- United Community Centers, Inc. will use the \$6,335.00 CDBG funds for the Ash Crescent Neighborhood Summer Day Camp at the Greater United Missionary Baptist Church, located at 1624 E. Jessamine Street, Fort Worth, TX 76104; and
- AB Christian Learning Center at 5005 Brentwood Stair Road # 200, Fort Worth, TX 76112 will use \$38,665.00 CDBG funds for the After School Tutoring (\$19,332.50) and Freedom School Summer Reading (\$19,332.50) programs.

A public comment period on the change in use of these CDBG funds and the substantial amendment was held from March 18, 2020 to April 18, 2020. All comments received are maintained by the Neighborhood Services Department. To expend oldest grant funds first, the "first in, first out" principles may be used to determine the Action Plan funding years used for expenditures.

The United Community Centers/Ash Crescent Neighborhood is in COUNCIL DISTRICT 8.

The AB Christian Learning 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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