

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize a Substantial Amendment to the City of Fort Worth's 2020-2021 Action Plan, Change in Use, and Contract Amendments for a Total of \$170,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for Meals on Wheels, Inc. of Tarrant County to Provide Vulnerable Populations with Access to Meals and Transportation, Camp Fire First Texas and Girls Inc. of Tarrant County to Provide Youth Services to Address Negative Educational or Developmental Impacts from the Pandemic

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council:

1. Authorize reallocation of \$50,000.00 of Community Development Block Grant funds from Read Fort Worth to Meals on Wheels, Inc. of Tarrant County (City Secretary Contract No. 54930) to serve citywide delivery of meals for elderly and disabled;
2. Authorize reallocation of \$5,000.00 of Community Development Block Grant funds from Read Fort Worth and \$45,000.00 of Community Development Block Grant funds from Sixty and Better to Camp Fire First Texas (City Secretary Contract No. 54917) for youth services, after school programming;
3. Authorize reallocation of \$70,000.00 of Community Development Block Grant funds from Sixty and Better to Girls Inc. of Tarrant County (City Secretary Contract No. 54898) for youth services, mentorship and educational support programming for girls;
4. Authorize a Substantial Amendment to the City of Fort Worth's 2020-2021 Action Plan contingent upon successful completion of the federal public comment period;
5. Authorize contract amendments for expenditure of Community Development Block Grant funds in a total of \$50,000.00 each, for Meals on Wheels, Inc. of Tarrant County (City Secretary Contract No. 54930) and Camp Fire First Texas (City Secretary Contract No. 54917) and in a total of \$70,000.00 for Girls Inc. of Tarrant County (City Secretary Contract No. 54898); and
6. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to extend contracts if an agency requests an extension and such extension is necessary for completion of the program, or to amend contracts if necessary to achieve program goals, provided any amendment is within the scope of the program and complies with City policies and all applicable laws and regulations governing the use of federal grant funds.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Fort Worth City Council approved Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) 20-0497, the City of Fort Worth's 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan on August 4, 2020. The City of Fort Worth's 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan summarizes the major housing and community development activities and proposed expenditures for the program year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021 for use of federal grant funds totaling \$12,793,159.00 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with human immunodeficiency virus, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) (HOPWA) grant programs. It also summarizes the use of program income resulting from activities using prior years' CDBG and HOME funds, the primary purpose of which is to benefit low and moderate income persons in Fort Worth. ESG funds primarily benefit homeless persons, and HOPWA funds primarily benefit low and moderate income persons with HIV/AIDS.

Recently, these funds became available when two nonprofit agencies, Sixty and Better and Read Fort Worth, declined the use of these funds due to program considerations and detailed federal reporting requirements. The Community Development Council, a citizen board appointed by the Fort Worth City Council, recommended that these funds be awarded to Meals on Wheels, Inc. of Tarrant County, Camp Fire First Texas, and Girls Inc. of Tarrant County. These agencies received high scores during the Spring 2021 grant application review process. Social services for the elderly and school-age children continue to be urgently needed to respond to the Coronavirus pandemic. These funds will provide vulnerable senior populations with access to meals and transportation and will also provide youth services to address negative educational or developmental impacts from the pandemic. The contract may be extended past September 30, 2021, to ensure that there is no disruption in services and that program goals are met.

A public notice authorizing this reallocation of funds was published in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on Sunday, August 22, 2021, with the 5-day comment period being completed on August 27, 2021.

Staff recommends reallocations and contract amendments in the following amounts.

	Agency and Program	Amount	Current Contract Amount	Amended Contract Amount

1. FROM:	Read Fort Worth (No contract executed)	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TO:	Meals on Wheels, Inc. of Tarrant County – city-wide delivery of meals for elderly and disabled (City Secretary Contract No. 54930)	\$50,000.00	\$71,814.00	\$121,814.00
1. FROM:	Read Fort Worth (No contract executed)	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. FROM:	Sixty and Better/Transportation (No contract executed)	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TO:	Camp Fire First Texas – after-school programming at the following locations: 2700 Meacham Blvd. Diamond Hill Station , 76106; 2001 East Loraine, 76106; Westcliff Elementary, 4300 Clay, 76109; IDEA Edgecliff, 1640 Altamesa, 76132; IDEA Achieve, 1900 Thomas, Haltom City, 76117; IDEA Southeast, 2935 E. Seminary, 76119; Walsh Elementary, 14113 Walsh, 76008; IDEA Rise, 3000 So. Cherry Lane 76116 (City Secretary Contract No. 54917)	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00
1. FROM:	Sixty and Better/Transportation (No contract executed)	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TO:	Girls Inc. of Tarrant County – mentorship and educational support programming for girls (City Secretary Contract No. 54898)	\$70,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$145,000.00

These programs are available in ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

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 recommendations and reallocation of funds, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating Federal Fund. The Neighborhood Services Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Neighborhood Services Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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