

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 19NS CARES ACT HUD FUNDS REALLOCATION

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize a Change in Use and Adjust Existing Appropriations in the CARES Act Community Development Block Grant Funds in the Amount of \$800,000.00 to Fund Particular Programs and Activities; Approve a Substantial Amendment to the City of Fort Worth's 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan for the Use of Federal Grant Funds in the Amount of \$800,000.00 from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Community Development Block Grant Program; and Authorize Execution of Related Contracts

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council:

1. Authorize a change in use and adjust existing appropriations in the CARES Act Community Development Block Grant Funds in the amount of \$800,000.00 to fund particular programs and activities;
2. Approve a Substantial Amendment to the City of Fort Worth's 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the use of federal grant funds in the amount of \$800,000.00 to be awarded through the CARES Act Community Development Block Grant program, including allocations of grant funds to particular programs and activities as detailed below;
3. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute contracts for eighteen-month terms with the nonprofit agencies listed in Table 1 below for CARES Act Community Development Block Grant funds, contingent upon receipt of funding and satisfactory completion of all regulatory requirements; and
4. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to extend contracts for up to one year if an agency or department 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:

In June 2020, the City of Fort Worth was awarded \$4,360,291.00 in CARES Act CDBG-CV funds and in September 2020 was awarded \$5,468,206.00 in CARES Act CDBG-CV3 funds to provide services to low and moderate-income residents to prevent, prepare, and respond to the impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic. The Fort Worth City Council subsequently awarded these funds to local nonprofit organizations providing a variety of urgently needed COVID-19-related services to eligible populations.

Additional funding has been made available through unprogrammed funding previously allocated to organizations with unexpended balances and reallocated administrative funds totaling \$800,000.00. It is recommended that these funds be awarded directly to agencies for the activities listed in Table 1 below addressing the following three priority activities:

- Elderly Services/Aging in Place
- Employment Related Services
- Food Insecurity

On May 19, 2020, City Council approved a Substantial Amendment to the City's 2019-20 Action Plan for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant funds stating how CARES Act grant funds were to be used, and amended the Citizen Participation Plan to reduce public comment period for CARES Act funds from thirty days to five days as authorized by the CARES Act (M&C 20-0330). This 5-day public comment period was held from June 6, 2023 to June 13, 2023. Notice of this public comment period was published in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, posted on the City's website and other ongoing communications activities of the Communications and Public Engagement Office. Any comments received are maintained by the Neighborhood Services Department in accordance with federal regulations.

TABLE 1: CDBG-CV AGENCIES			
AGENCY	PROGRAM	FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
Center for Transforming Lives	Economic Mobility Program (Microenterprise)	CDBG-CV	\$100,000.00
Tarrant Area Food Bank	Grocery Delivery (SNAP Participants)	CDBG-CV3	\$60,000.00
Meals-On-Wheels, Inc. of Tarrant County	Transportation Program	CDBG-CV3	\$350,000.00
The Presbyterian Night Shelter of Tarrant County, Inc.	Journey Home Guides	CDBG-CV3	\$290,000.00

These programs 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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