

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 19CARES ACT HUD FUNDS CDBG-CV/CV3 AWARDS

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Contracts Related to Existing Appropriations in the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Community Development Block Grant Funds in the Amount of \$250,000.00 with Certain Non-Profits to Fund Particular Programs and Activities

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council authorize execution of contracts related to existing appropriations in the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Community Development Block Grant Funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 to fund particular programs and activities with the following agencies:

- The Presbyterian Night Shelter of Tarrant County, Inc. for Homelessness Prevention and Special Needs Support in the amount of \$142,905.00
- Guardianship Services, Inc. for Elderly Services/Aging In Place in the amount of \$70,000.00
- Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County for Elderly Services/Aging In Place in the amount of \$37,095.00

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to request approval of awards of federal grant funds, as approved by M&C 24-0743, August 27, 2024, amending the City of Fort Worth's 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan, in regards to the use of funding received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV/CV3) program.

On August 6, 2019, the City Council, through M&C 19-0016, approved the City's 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan summarizing the major housing and community development activities and proposed expenditures for use of federal grant funds from HUD under various grant programs including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

The CARES Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020, to respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency. The CARES Act included provisions to help local governments prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus, including providing for additional allocations of formula grant funds under the CDBG program. The City Council previously awarded the additional allocations of CDBG-CV and CDBG-CV3 funding through M&Cs 20-0330, 20-0471, 20-0940, and 21-0016. Some of the funding received was allocated to cover administration expenses.

On August 27, 2024, the City Council, with M&C 24-0743, approved the staff's recommendation to again amend the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan and re-allocate \$250,000.00 from administration to Public Service Agencies (PSAs) through a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process to address the following priorities:

- Elderly Services/Aging In Place
- Homelessness Prevention and Special Needs Support

TABLE 1: CDBG-CV/CV3 AGENCIES				
AGENCY NAME	PROGRAM NAME	APPLICATION SCORE	REQUESTED FUNDING	RECOMMENDED FUNDING
The Presbyterian Night Shelter of Tarrant County, Inc.	Homelessness Prevention and Special Needs Support	93	\$142,905.00	\$142,905.00
Guardianship Services, Inc.	Elderly Services/Aging In Place	89.5	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00
Meals-On-Wheels, Inc. of Tarrant County	Elderly Services/Aging In Place	81.5	\$250,000.00	\$37,095.00
Center for Transforming Lives	Homelessness Prevention and Special Needs Support	74.5	\$135,000.00	\$0.00
TOTAL			\$597,905.00	\$250,000.00

The 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan was amended by the City Council on May 19, 2020, to state how CARES Act grant funds were to be used, and to amend 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 began Monday, December 23, 2024, and ran through Friday, December 27, 2024. Notice of this public comment period was published in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, on Sunday, December 22, 2024. Any comments received are maintained by the Neighborhood Services Department in accordance with federal regulations.

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