

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 19CARES ACT HUD FUNDS SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT 3

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize a Change in Use of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Community Development Block Grant Funds in the Amount of \$143,506.00 to Fund the Presbyterian Night Shelter of Tarrant County, Inc.'s Moving Home Program; 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 \$143,506.00 from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Community Development Block Grant Program; and Authorize Execution of Related Contract

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council:

1. Authorize a change in use in the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Community Development Block Grant Funds in the amount of \$143,506.00;
2. Approve a substantial amendment to the City of Fort Worth's 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan for the change in use of federal grant funds in the amount of \$143,506.00 from the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Community Development Block Grant program; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a contract with The Presbyterian Night Shelter of Tarrant County, Inc in the amount of \$143,506.00.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor & Council Communication (M&C) is to request approval of a substantial amendment to the City of Fort Worth's 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan and approval of an award of federal grant funds under said Action Plan.

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 the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under various grant programs including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

The Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020 to respond to the many impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency. The CARES Act includes 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.

On April 9, 2020, the City was notified by HUD of its initial award of \$4,360,291.00 in CDBG-CV funds. These funds were subsequently awarded to eligible activities and programs through M&C 20-0330 and M&C 20-0471 in May and June of 2020. The City was notified on September 11, 2020 of the award of its second allocation of CDBG funds, known as CDBG-CV3, in the amount of \$5,468,206.00. All funds must be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus by July 2026.

City Council subsequently awarded these funds to local nonprofit organizations providing a variety of services to eligible populations through M&Cs 20-0330, 20-0471, 20-0940, 21-0016, and 25-0079. Some of the funding received was allocated to cover administration expenses. Since the most recently approved allocation in January 2025, additional funds have become available as shown below.

TABLE 1: CDBG-CV/CV3 AVAILABLE FUNDS			
Action Plan Year(s)	Program	Funding Source	Amount(s) not to Exceed
2019-2020	Unprogrammed Funds	CDBG-CV	\$41,748.03
2019-2020	Unprogrammed Funds	CDBG-CV 3	\$101,757.97
Total:			\$143,506.00

Given the time constraints for the money to be spent, the Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) is proposing to allocate \$143,506.00 in CDBG-CV/CV3 funds to Presbyterian Night Shelter (PNS) for their Moving Home Program. PNS was one of the most recent recipients of CDBG-CV/CV3 funds through a Request For Proposals completed and awarded through M&C 25-0079. The Moving Home program is designed to provide homeless services to eligible clients who were and still are one of the most vulnerable populations due to the effects and aftermath of COVID-19. These services include case management, emergency shelter, housing assistance, employment assistance, and community support. The Moving Home Program supports the Homelessness Prevention and Special Needs Support goal identified in the City's 2019-2020 HUD Action Plan.

The five-day public comment period began Monday, January 26, 2026, and ran through Friday, January 30, 2026. Notice of this public comment period was published in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, on Wednesday, January 21, 2026. Any comments received are maintained by the NSD in accordance with federal regulations.

This program is available in ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available within the Grants Operating Federal Fund CDBG-CV PY19/FY20 project to support the approval of the recommendations and execution of the contract. 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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