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SUBJECT: 2020-21 ACTION PLAN FOR USE OF HUD GRANT FUNDS

The 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan summarizes the City's proposed use of federal grant funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs for the upcoming year. This document must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by August 15 of each year, in order for funds to be available to the City as of October 1. Approval of the Plan will be placed on the City Council Agenda for August 4, in order to allow time for the federally required 30-day comment period throughout the month of July.

The total amount of grant funding to be received for the 2020-2021 program year is \$12,643,159. This includes \$7,412,093 in CDBG funds, \$2,896,282 in HOME funds, \$638,858 in ESG funds, and \$1,695,926 in HOPWA funds. An estimated \$75,000 each in new program income from the CDBG and HOME programs is also budgeted within this Action Plan, as well as \$820,359 in previously received CDBG program income. The purpose of these funds is to benefit low- and moderate-income persons in Fort Worth. ESG grant funds are specifically dedicated to services for homeless persons. The City administers the HOPWA grant program on behalf of persons with HIV/AIDS throughout Tarrant, Johnson, Parker, Hood, Somerville, and Wise counties.

The Community Development Council is responsible for working with staff to develop the annual budget for the Action Plan, and for aligning proposed allocations with priorities previously identified in the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan. Their recommendations were presented to the Housing and Neighborhood Services Committee on Tuesday, June 2, and are summarized on the tables below.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT:

Agency, Program or Activity	Amount
CDBG Public Services Agencies/Programs	
Housing Channel: Housing Counseling/Homebuyer Education	\$125,000
Sixty and Better: Active Engaged Lifestyles (Senior Wellness Program)	\$ 40,000
Sixty and Better: Senior Transportation	\$ 75,000
Meals on Wheels: Home Delivered Meals for Elderly/Disabled	\$ 71,814
Presbyterian Night Shelter: Moving Home Case Management and Diversion Services	\$145,000
The Ladder Alliance: Workforce Development for Women and Domestic Violence Victims	\$ 80,000
Guardianship Services, Inc.: Financial Exploitation Prevention Workshops	\$ 70,000
Goodwill Industries of Fort Worth: Community Works Job Training/Placement	\$ 90,000
Girls, Inc.: Whole Girl Approach for At Risk Youth	\$ 75,000
Camp Fire: After School Programs	\$ 50,000
AB Christian Learning Center: Freedom School Summer Reading Program	\$ 50,000
AB Christian Learning Center: After School Tutoring	\$ 85,000
Read Fort Worth: Summer Scholars	\$ 55,000
United Community Centers: Educational Enrichment Program	\$100,000
CDBG Public Services Subtotal	\$1,111,814



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (continued)

CDBG Housing Programs/Projects	
REACH/Project Ramp	\$ 115,000
Trinity Habitat for Humanity, Cowtown Brush-up Paint Program	\$ 455,000
Trinity Habitat for Humanity, Preserve a Home	\$ 400,000
Neighborhood Services Department, Priority Repair Program*	\$1,175,000
Neighborhood Services Department, Grant Match, Lead-based Paint Hazard Reduction	\$ 750,000
Fort Worth Housing Solutions, Grant Match, Stop Six/Cavile Choice Neighborhood Grant	\$ 750,000
Palladium Fain: New Construction of Affordable Multi-family Housing**	\$ 800,000
Azalea West: New Construction of Affordable Multi-family Housing***	\$ 490,000
CDBG Housing Programs/Projects Subtotal	\$ 4,935,000
Grant Administration and Program Delivery	
Neighborhood Services Department, CDBG General Administration	\$1,482,419
Neighborhood Services Department, Rehabilitation/Construction Program Delivery	\$ 606,553
Neighborhood Services Department, Homebuyer Assistance Program Delivery	\$ 171,666
CDBG Administration and Program Delivery Subtotal	\$ 2,260,638
<i>*Includes \$75,000 in anticipated new CDBG Program Income.</i>	
<i>** Includes \$330,359 in previously received CDBG Program Income</i>	
<i>*** From previously received CDBG Program Income</i>	

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM:

Agency, Program, or Activity	Amount
Fort Worth Housing Solutions, Grant Match, Stop Six/Cavile Choice Neighborhood Grant	\$ 500,000
Columbia at Renaissance Square Phase II, New Construction of Affordable Housing	\$ 500,000
Stop Six Model Block Single Family Infill Const. (to fulfill prior-year commitment of funds)	\$ 53,160
Development Corp. of Tarrant County, Single Family Infill Construction, Polytechnic Area	\$ 434,443
CHDO Operating Costs, Development Corp of Tarrant County	\$60,000
Neighborhood Services Department, Homebuyer Assistance Program*	\$1,134,051
Neighborhood Services Department, HOME Grant Administration	\$ 289,628
Total, HOME Investment Partnerships Program	\$2,971,282
<i>*Includes \$75,000 in anticipated new HOME Program Income.</i>	



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HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS PROGRAM:

Agency, Program, or Activity	Amount
Tarrant County Samaritan Housing, Inc	
Supportive Services	\$ 433,404
Facility-Based Operations	\$ 149,603
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 111,647
Grant Administration	\$ 43,995
Subtotal, Tarrant County Samaritan Housing	\$ 738,649
AIDS Outreach Center	
Supportive Services	\$ 58,829
Short-Term Rent, Mortgagee, and Utility Assistance (STRMU)	\$ 160,000
Grant Administration	\$ 11,171
Subtotal, AIDS Outreach Center	\$ 230,000
Neighborhood Services Department, Community Action Partners Program	
Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA)	\$ 526,399
Supportive Services	\$ 150,000
Subtotal, Neighborhood Services Department Community Action Partners	\$ 676,399
Neighborhood Services Department, HOPWA Grant Administration	\$50,878
Total, HOPWA Program	\$1,695,926

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM:

Agency, Program, or Activity	Amount
Presbyterian Night Shelter, Emergency Shelter Operations	\$ 131,315
Lighthouse for the Homeless, True Worth Place Day Shelter Operations	\$ 177,000
SafeHaven of Tarrant County, SafeSolutions Program	\$75,000
Center for Transforming Lives, Rapid Re-Housing	\$100,000
The Salvation Army, Homelessness Prevention Program	\$ 107,629
Neighborhood Services Department, ESG Grant Administration	\$ 47,914
Total, Emergency Solutions Grant	\$638,858

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The 2020-2021 Draft Annual Action Plan will be available for HUD's required 30-day public comment period beginning July 1, 2020. On August 4, 2020, a public hearing will be held regarding the plan along with Council consideration and approval to submit the document to HUD by the August 15 deadline.

For additional information about this topic, please contact Victor Turner, Director of the Neighborhood Services Department at 817-392-8187.

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