


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	19-404	Meeting:	September 23, 2019
	Agenda Item:	32	Roll Call:	19-1501
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Community Development Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of 2019 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding.

SYNOPSIS:

The ESG program is designed to assist people to swiftly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness. There are five (5) eligible categories of assistance:

- Street Outreach
- Emergency Shelters (including transitional housing)
- Homelessness Prevention Assistance
- Rapid Re-housing Assistance
- Provide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for data collection

This action allocates funding to five (5) area service providers.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$313,288

Funding Source: 2019-2020 Operating Budget, Community Development Department, Special Revenue Fund, Homeless Grants, Page 61

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On November 9, 2018, the City of Des Moines issued a notice of funding availability for the ESG program for the City of Des Moines. This application was for funding for 2019 and 2020. Applications were received by the City on November 30, 2018.

- The Continuum of Care Board (CoCB) Grant committee reviewed the applications and made a funding recommendation to the Homeless Coordinating Council and the CoCB on February 25, 2019. The Homeless Coordinating Council and CoCB recommended approval to the City Council of the following recommendations:

Hawthorn Hill Ministries	\$13,000
Central Iowa Shelter & Services	\$70,358
Iowa Homeless Youth Center	\$31,194
Primary Healthcare	\$109,702
Primary Healthcare – Centralized Intake	\$50,000

- The City retains \$23,496 (7.5%) for administration and \$9,399 (3%) is allocated to Iowa Institute for Community Alliance for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
- On February 25, 2019, the City Council approved the 2019 ESG funding allocation.
- With an increase in the federal appropriations for this program, the City received an additional \$6,139 in ESG funding.
- The CoCB and Homeless Coordinating Council approved this additional funding going to Primary Healthcare – Centralized Intake.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 25, 2019

Roll Call Number: [19-0290](#)

Action: [2019](#) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding and reprogramming of previous years unspent funding. ([Council Communication No. 19-077](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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