


# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>20-304</b>	Meeting:	<b>July 13, 2020</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>30</b>	Roll Call:	[ _____ ]
	Submitted by:	<b>Chris Johansen, Community Development Director</b>		

## AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of 2020 Supplemental Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funding Allocations.

## SYNOPSIS:

The ESG program is designed to assist people to swiftly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness. The funds under the ESG-CV Grant Agreement may only be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homelessness assistance, and to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts created by coronavirus. This action allocates funding to seven (7) service providers.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,108,334

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 Operating Budget, Community Development: Special Revenue Funds, Homeless Fund, Page 61

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed the CARES Act, which provides additional CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funding to prepare, prevent, and respond to coronavirus. From the CARES Act, HUD allocated \$2,231,212 in CDBG-CV and \$1,108,334 in ESG-CV funds to the City, in addition to its regular annual allocation of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding.
- During the May 4, 2020 City Council meeting, the Council approved the following amounts and uses for ESG-CV:
  - \$330,487.85 for homelessness prevention
  - \$141,637.35 for emergency shelter
  - \$472,250.50 for rapid rehousing
  - \$20,000 for centralized intake
  - \$33,250 for administration of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
  - \$110,833 for general administration

- City staff and Continuum of Care staff sent out a notice of funding availability on June 16, 2020, and applications were due June 26, 2020.
- The Continuum of Care Grant Committee reviewed the applications and made a funding recommendation to the Homeless Coordinating Council (HCC) and the Continuum of Care Board, which also meet on July 13, 2020. The HCC and Continuum of Care Board recommended approval to the City Council of the following allocations:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Allocation Recommendation</u>	<u>Use of Funds</u>
Home, Inc.	\$330,488	Homelessness Prevention
Central Iowa Shelter & Services	\$112,442	Emergency Shelter
Children and Families of Iowa	\$26,000	Emergency Shelter
Primary Health Care, Inc.	\$316,535	Rapid Rehousing
Anawim Housing	\$158,786	Rapid Rehousing
Primary Health Care, Inc.	\$20,000	Centralized Intake
Institute for Community Alliances	\$33,250	HMIS Administration
City of Des Moines	\$110,833	General Administration
<b>Total ESG-CV</b>	<b>\$1,108,334</b>	

- Although City Council allocated \$141,637.35 to emergency shelter, applications totaled \$138,442. As a result, the remaining \$3,196 of unallocated emergency shelter funds were transferred to rapid rehousing, which had funding requests that exceeded the \$472,250.50 available.
- As a condition of the ESG-CV Agreement, people experiencing homelessness shall not be required to receive treatment or perform any other prerequisite activities as a condition for receiving assistance.

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: June 8, 2020

Roll Call Number: [20-0912](#)

Action: [On](#) approval of 2020 supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Agreements with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and approval of administration and funding of city's Small Business Relief Program. ([Council Communication 20-242](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

#### **BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

On June 9, 2020, HUD notified the City of Des Moines that it will be receiving a second round of ESG-CV funding in the amount of \$2,081,414. A second RFP and award process are expected in early fall.

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