


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	20-555	Meeting:	December 21, 2020
	Agenda Item:	30	Roll Call:	20-2115
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV), second round, funding agreement with the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) to prepare for, prevent, and respond to coronavirus

SYNOPSIS:

The City of Des Moines has received a second round of federal funding to address community needs as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. The second round of CDBG-CV funding was allocated to states, and the State of Iowa decided to pass the funding onto entitlement cities, including the City of Des Moines. By approval of Council, staff applied to Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) on September 15, 2020. This action authorizes the CDBG-CV, second round, grant agreement with IEDA to be executed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,951,677

Funding Source: US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as passed through IEDA

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On December 7, 2020, the Council approved an advance of \$200,000 from the general fund to IMPACT Community Action Agency to prevent a gap in emergency housing payments while the City waited for this grant agreement. This action to approve the CDBG-CV grant agreement with IEDA will be the funding that reimburses the general fund advance to IMPACT.
- As mentioned in the roll call, the recommended funding levels by CDBG-CV activity are:
 - \$926,677 for emergency housing payments, administered by IMPACT Community Action Agency;
 - \$500,000 for mental health services or facilities;
 - \$500,000 for childcare services or facilities; and
 - \$25,000 for personal protection equipment.

- There have been three (3) rounds of federal funding to prepare, prevent, and respond to coronavirus. A summary of the City’s awards is below:

Notification of Funding to City	City Council Approval	Description	Amount
4/2/2020	5/4/2020	CDBG-CV, round 1	\$ 2,231,212
4/2/2020	5/4/2020	ESG-CV, round 1	\$ 1,108,334
7/31/2020	9/14/2020	CDBG-CV, round 2	\$ 1,951,677
6/9/2020	11/23/2020	ESG-CV, round 2	\$ 2,081,414
9/11/2020		CDBG-CV, round 3	\$ 1,241,887
CDBG-CV Subtotal			\$ 5,424,776
ESG-CV Subtotal			\$ 3,189,748
Total Funding			\$ 8,614,524

- Although it is almost the program year 2021, HUD has required that all amendments to Action Plans related to CARES Act funding be made to the Action Plan that had been most recently approved as of January 21, 2020. For the City of Des Moines, the most recently approved Action Plan as of January 21, 2020 was the 2019 Action Plan. Consequently, all amendments for CARES Act funding (i.e. CDBG-CV and ESG-CV) will fall under the 2019 Action Plan.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 7, 2020

Roll Call Number: [20-2013](#)

Action: [General](#) fund advance for homelessness prevention under the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funding, second round, to Home, Inc. and Emergency Housing Assistance under Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV), second round, to IMPACT to prepare, prevent and respond to coronavirus. ([Council Communication No. 20-527](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

A Request for Interest and Qualifications (RFQ) was distributed to childcare and mental health providers in November. Proposals are under review. The recommendations for Council approval of selected subrecipients will be on a Council agenda in January 2021.

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