


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>21-289</b>	Meeting:	<b>June 28, 2021</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>29</b>	Roll Call:	<b>21-0977</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of supplemental Emergency Solutions Grant funding to prepare for, prevent, and respond to coronavirus (ESG-CV 2) allocation to Central Iowa Shelter & Services (CISS) for the Mobile Shower Unit.

### SYNOPSIS:

CISS is proposing to implement a mobile shower unit as part of their street outreach efforts. This Council action would reallocate \$150,000 of the \$400,000 ESG-CV 2 funds reserved for future hotel costs under CISS' emergency shelter program.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$150,000

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The mobile shower unit would consist of a truck and 29-foot trailer that would move to a new site across the metro on a regular basis.
- The trailer would have three (3) separated shower areas, which also include a toilet and sink. A fourth area would include two (2) stackable washer and dryer units for laundry.
- The mobile shower unit will be staffed by two (2) trained outreach case managers.
- The mobile shower unit will have a regular schedule for certain days of the week to serve clients, but it would also be on call to the downtown Partnership, Library, skywalk, law enforcement, city code, and community members needing outreach services.
- The startup costs are approximately \$250,000. The annual operating costs will be approximately \$150,000.

- The City would contribute \$150,000 as a one (1) time allocation to help with startup costs. CISS may approach Iowa Finance Authority to cover the additional costs, and CISS will fundraise for ongoing operational costs.
- The “street outreach” component under HUD’s ESG program provides essential services necessary to reach out to unsheltered homeless people; connects them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services; and provides urgent, non-facility-based care to unsheltered homeless people.
- The two (2) outreach case workers would be able to perform an initial assessment of needs and eligibility of the clients; provide crisis counseling; help address urgent physical needs with the mobile shower and laundry facilities; and actively connect and provide information and referrals to programs targeted to people experiencing homelessness and mainstream social services and housing programs, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, community-based services, permanent supportive housing, and rapid re-housing programs.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: January 25, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-0105](#)

Action: [Second](#) round of Supplemental Emergency Solutions Grant Funding to prepare for, prevent and respond to coronavirus (ESG-CV 2) allocations. ([Council Communication No. 21-022](#)) Moved by Boesen to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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