

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	23-257	Meeting:	May 22, 2023
	Agenda Item:	29	Roll Call:	23-0728
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to prepare for, prevent, and respond to Coronavirus, second round (CDBG-CV 2), first extension request to Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) for grant agreement number 20-CVE-001.

SYNOPSIS:

The City's CDBG-CV 2 grant agreement with IEDA ends June 30, 2023. This action authorizes staff to submit a one (1)-year extension request.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Approximately \$500,000

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Operating Budget, Neighborhood Services, Special Revenue and Other Funds, CDBGs, COVID Relief Funds, Page 141

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- In 2020, there were three (3) waves of CDBG-CV assistance authorized under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The second round of funding was passed through the State of Iowa under IEDA to major cities, including the City of Des Moines.
- The City received \$2,060,041 of CDBG-CV 2 from IEDA. As of March 31, 2023, approximately \$1.5 million has been expended, leaving approximately \$500,000 unexpended.
- Two (2) funding focus areas impacted by the coronavirus pandemic were childcare and mental health care. To help address childcare and mental health care needs, the City solicited proposals through a Request for Interest and Qualifications (RFQ) process. A grant review committee composed of staff from the Neighborhood Services, Development Services, and Civil and Human Rights Departments reviewed proposals and made recommendations to Council. In addition, a significant amount of funding was reserved for rent and mortgage emergency payments, as administered by IMPACT.
- Approved subrecipients and allocations included:

Housing-IMPACT	\$926,677.00
Lutheran-Child Care	73,224.00

Lutheran-Mental Health	156,152.00
Orchard Place	133,451.00
Blank Children's Hospital	130,090.00
DSM Public Schools-Metro Kids	500,000.00
Personal Protective Equipment	25,000.00
Administration	115,447.00

- Due to some of the labor market shortages that occurred during the pandemic, some subrecipients had difficulty filling positions needed to support their programs. This, in turn, contributed to slower spending of the CDBG-CV 2 funds.
- As a result, City staff would like to request a one (1)-year extension so that subrecipients can use their full allocation and continue to assist clients.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 25, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-0104](#)

Action: [Second](#) round of Supplemental Community Block Grant Funding to prepare for, prevent, and respond to coronavirus (CDBG-CV2) allocations for Childcare and Mental Health Care Providers. ([Council Communication No. 21-046](#)) Moved by Boesen to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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