


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	24-388	Meeting:	October 7, 2024
	Agenda Item:	23	Roll Call:	24-1351
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Substantial amendment to the 2024 Annual Action Plans to include additional Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding from the Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) program.

SYNOPSIS:

This action authorizes staff to submit an amendment to the City’s 2024 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to facilitate the receipt and administration of ESG RUSH funds in response to the May 2024 tornadoes and storms that impacted residents who were homeless or at risk of homelessness during that period.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$534,905

Funding Source: ESG from the HUD

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On July 18, 2024, HUD released a new notice providing implementation guidance for the RUSH program. RUSH grants, awarded under the ESG grant program, are made to States or local governments for the purpose of assisting individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, who have been residing in a “declared disaster area” and have needs that are not otherwise served or fully met by existing Federal disaster relief programs.
- Eligible activities for this funding align with the ESG program overall, including activities:
 - For people experiencing homelessness before the disaster such as emergency shelter; rapid re-housing, which provides up to 24 months of rental assistance, financial assistance for move in costs, and supportive services; and
 - For people who were at-risk of experiencing homelessness before the disaster such as homelessness prevention, which provides up to 24 months of rental assistance, utility assistance, and supportive services for people at risk of homelessness; and outreach assistance, including assistance to meet urgent needs.

- According to the RUSH notice in the Federal Register, local government recipients of ESG RUSH must prepare and submit within 30 days of the initial award announcement an amendment to its most recently approved Action Plan provided under 24 CFR part 91 to include the new RUSH amount and other information as described the notice. The City's most recently approved Action Plan is for Program Year 2024.
- Usually, any amendments to an Action Plan require setting and holding a public hearing. Because of the expedited nature of these funds, HUD has waived public hearing requirements as long as proposed activities are posted on the City's web site.
- HUD is suspending the ESG match requirements in section 416(a) of the McKinney-Vento Act and 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 576.201.
- The City will be required to report on uses of the RUSH funds in its Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and through submission of project data to the Sage Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Repository. The CAPER is available annually in early March.
- Proposed allocations are based on recent or existing subrecipient agreements to facilitate quick deployment of funds. Proposed allocations are as follows:

Subrecipient	ESG Component	Proposed Amount
Children & Families of Iowa	Emergency Shelter	\$ 23,688
Central Iowa Shelter & Services	Emergency Shelter	\$ 118,348
Hawthorn Hill Ministries	Emergency Shelter	\$ 42,840
Iowa Homeless Youth Center	Emergency Shelter	\$ 53,865
HOME, Inc.	Homelessness Prevention	\$ 100,000
Primary Healthcare	Centralized Intake	\$ 50,000
Primary Healthcare	Street Outreach	\$ 90,000
Institute for Community Alliances	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$ 16,047
City Administration	Administration (7.5% by regulation)	<u>\$ 40,117</u>
	Total	\$ 534,905

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 6, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-1577](#)

Action: [On](#) proposed 2024 Action Plan for the HUD 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. ([Council Communication No. 23-488](#)) Moved by Boesen to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

There will be another Council action to authorize signing the grant agreement when received by staff.

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