



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Public Hearing/First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of December 13, 2016
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of December 20, 2016

DATE: November 28, 2016

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Substantial Amendment to the FY2015-2016 Consolidated Annual Action Plan
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CAPTION:

Ordinance amending the fiscal year (FY) 2015-2016 Consolidated Annual Action Plan (CAAP), previously adopted by Ordinance No. 030544, for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs; to authorize the City Manager or designee to execute and submit all necessary documents with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the following Substantial Amendment to the FY2015-2016 CAAP: 1. Cancellation of a FY 15 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project; 2. Addition of a CDBG project; and 3. Addition of an Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) project; and further to authorize the City Manager or designee to execute funding agreements and all other documents necessary to implement the Substantial Amendment to the FY2015-2016 CAAP with organizations for approved projects.

PURPOSE:

In accordance with HUD and the City of Corpus Christi's (City) 5-year Consolidated Annual Action Plan (CAAP), "Substantial Amendments" are required to amend each CAAP which will trigger a comment period once motion is approved (24 CFR 91.105). A "Substantial Change" is defined by the City to be: a proposed new activity which cannot reasonably be construed to have been included within the programmatic intent of the adopted application or in the commitment of funds to a specific project, or an activity which was identified in the adopted application or in the commitment of funds to a specific project, or an activity that is proposed to be altered in terms of its purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries to such an extent that it can no longer reasonably be construed as the activity reviewed by the public and approved by the City Council.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

In FY2015-2016 and during the adoption of the FY2015-2016 CAAP, the City of Corpus Christi's Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department set aside \$200,000 for a "to be determined" project under the scope of Land Acquisition and/or Homeless Facility Rehabilitation. During this time, HCD was in communication with The Salvation Army (TSA) to award the CDBG funding to its Center of Hope which will soon be under construction. At the finalizing of the funding agreement, The Salvation Army head quarters in Atlanta decided not to pursue the CDBG funding and to end negotiations.

In order to commit the CDBG funding to a project which falls in line with the goals and objectives of the City's 5-year Consolidated Action Plan, HCD is hereby requesting the funding to be "redirected" to the Ben Garza Park Ball Field Improvement Project (Project). The Project will include the enhancement of Ben Garza Park located at 1815 Howard. The park is 10.85 acres and provides recreational space for the immediate neighborhood which includes single family homes, apartments, homeless shelters and assisted housing units. This project will include the improvement to two existing youth baseball/softball fields including light and irrigation. This park is listed as a major investment park in the 2012 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

During the same FY2015-2016 CAAP, an uncommitted balance of \$50,000 was left remaining in the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program allocation from HUD. HCD is hereby requesting this amount of \$50,000 be awarded to The Salvation Army which will be used under the activity of Rapid Re-housing for homeless veterans. The funds will allow TSA to identify homeless veterans and rapidly re-house them into permanent housing and provide case management for a period of three (3) months up to two (2) years.

ALTERNATIVES:

"Not Applicable"

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

"Not Applicable"

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Council approval to amend each project is required for the change in the CAAP to take effect.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal
Finance

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2015-2016	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				

BALANCE				
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Fund(s):

Comments: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of this agenda item.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance

CDBG Proposed Amendment Attachment

ESG Proposed Amendment Attachment