



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting December 6, 2022

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Resolution Authorizing a Substantial Amendment to the FY2021/PY2020 Consolidated Annual Action Plan Allocating Community Development Block Grant – COVID Funds of \$1,433,700 to Salinas Park Improvements and \$369,455 to Corpus Christi Hope House for Mortgage, Rent and Utility Assistance

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing a Substantial Amendment to the City of Corpus Christi's FY2021/PY2020 Consolidated Annual Action Plan for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funds reallocating \$1,803,155 of Community Development Block Grant – COVID funds from Housing Opportunities Construction to Salinas Park improvements for \$1,433,700 and \$369,455 to Corpus Christi Hope House for mortgage, rent and utility assistance; authorizing the execution of all necessary documents to submit the Substantial Amendment; and further authorizing the execution of all documents necessary to implement the Substantial Amendment.

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes a Substantial Amendment to the City of Corpus Christi's FY2021/PY2020 Consolidated Annual Action Plan (CAAP) for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds reallocating \$1,803,155 of Community Development Block Grant – COVID (CDBG-CV) funds from Housing Opportunities Construction to Salinas Park improvements for \$1,433,700 and \$369,455 to Corpus Christi Hope House for mortgage, rent and utility assistance. Funds are required to be expended on completed projects by June 2023.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

On April 21, 2020, Ordinance 032088 was adopted amending the FY2019-2020 CAAP to include CDBG-CV funds in an amount of \$2,275,155. Of this, \$1,803,155 was allocated for Housing Opportunities Construction. Due to the June 2023 expenditure deadline, the readiness of the Salinas Parks improvements, and Corpus Christi Hope House's previous success with HUD COVID funds, the reallocation is recommended. CDBG-CV funds are required to prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID.

On July 28, 2020, Ordinance 032166 was adopted for the FY 2020-2021 Consolidated Annual Action Plan (CAAP) which included the Community Development Block Grant entitlement (CDBG) budget in an amount of \$2,758,645.00. The CAAP focused on public health, safety, necessity, convenience and general welfare of the City of Corpus Christi and its citizens and allocated \$1 million of the CDBG funds for the Salinas Park Improvements project.

Salinas Park is a popular sports and recreation destination located near Airport Road and Horne Road. On November 18, 2020, an interdepartmental agreement was entered into by the Grant Monitoring Division and Parks and Recreation Department to award a \$1 million CDBG grant for Salinas Park Improvements. Additional improvements to the original scope for Salinas Park are recommended. To accommodate the increase in services being implemented, the interdepartmental agreement will be increased to \$1,666,325 for construction and design. The interdepartmental agreement will reflect CDBG entitlement of \$232,625 for design, and \$1,433,700 of CDBG-CV for construction. Improvements to Salinas Park, which serves a low-to-moderate income area, provides suitable outdoor fitness opportunities and social space where healthy outcomes can be achieved while supporting social distancing guidance. Park improvements include approximately 3,305 square yards of the existing base course and asphalt surface of the park and installing approximately 29,800 square feet of a seven-foot-wide concrete walking trail, lighting along the trail, and five (5) exercise stations including three fitness equipment units per station. All of these improvements qualify for CDBG-CV funding because they prevent, prepare and respond to COVID.

Replacing the CDBG entitlement funds with the CDBG-CV allocation allows the CDBG-CV funds to be expended by the deadline of June 2023, providing the opportunity to reallocate CDBG entitlement funds to other priority City projects supporting the HUD National Objectives for CDBG. Of the original \$1 million allocation of CDBG funds for the Salinas Park Improvements project, \$232,625 has been spent on design, leaving \$767,375 of CDBG entitlement funding to be reprogrammed for a future purpose. A Substantial Amendment reallocating the remaining CDBG entitlement of \$767,375 will be brought forward at a future date.

Corpus Christi Hope House provides 24/7 emergency shelter, transitional housing, support, food, clothing, baby items, counseling, education, medical and other assistance to families, pregnant and single mothers, their dependent children, and newborn babies who seek an escape from homelessness, addiction, domestic violence, poverty, or a crisis pregnancy situation. The agency provides homeless prevention services, life-skills and parenting classes and COVID-19 assistance to all members of our community. In 2021, Corpus Christi Hope House served 12,060 clients. The nonprofit is an annual subrecipient of the City's Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) entitlement allocation and successfully implemented a previous CDBG-CV and ESG-CV awards for mortgage, rent and utility assistance.

ALTERNATIVES:

Council could choose not to authorize the Substantial Amendment which may risk the expenditure of the funds resulting in a loss of available resources for community projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

City Council accepted and appropriated the federal entitlement grant funds with Ordinance 032088. Funds are on a reimbursement basis.

Funding Detail:

Fund: Community Development Building Grant Fund (1059)
Mission Elem: Revitalize & Stabilize Neighborhoods (132)
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: Professional Services (520130)
Activity: Salinas Park Improvement 651906F
Corpus Christi Hope House 651901F

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends authorizing the Substantial Amendment to the City of Corpus Christi's FY2021/PY2020 Consolidated Annual Action Plan for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funds reallocating \$1,803,155 of Community Development Block Grant – COVID funds.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution