



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for City Council Meeting of February 23, 2021
Second Reading Ordinance for City Council Meeting of March 2, 2021

DATE: February 3, 2021

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Substantial Amendment to the FY 2020 Consolidated Annual Action Plan

CAPTION:

Ordinance amending the City's Consolidated Annual Action Plan (CAAP) of entitlement funding from HUD for FY 2019-2020; accepting and appropriating \$2,275,155.00 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) and \$1,864,176.00 for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funding in FY 2019-2020; authorizing the execution of all documents necessary to accept, appropriate, and disburse the funds; to execute all agreements, amendments and all other documents necessary to implement the additional CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funding from HUD with organizations for approved projects.

SUMMARY:

This item is amending the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan as required by HUD. This amendment is allowing the accepting and appropriating of the final allocation related to CARES Act funding from HUD. This amendment also will identify projects that will allow the City to continue preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

In accordance with HUD and the City of Corpus Christi's five-year Consolidated Annual Action Plan (CAAP), "Substantial Amendments" are required to amend the CAAP which in turn triggers a comment period (24 CFR 91.105). A "Substantial Change" is defined as: Any addition of the established priorities of activities as described in the Consolidated Action Plan and/or Annual Action Plan.

This is an amendment to the FY 2020 Consolidated Annual Action Plan which was adopted by City Council by ordinance on July 23, 2019. The amendment will include the City of Corpus Christi's Housing and Community Development Department to receive and administer \$2,275,155.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and \$1,864,176.00 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). HUD has allowed for a five-day public comment period. The federally required comment period will begin on Monday, February 15, 2021 and end on Friday, February 19, 2021.

On March 27, 2020, President Donald Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated funding to the City of Corpus Christi's Community Development Block Grant and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program.

Projects resulting from this funding will increase shelter capacity, outreach to homeless services, access to food and access to jobs. It has been determined that this funding will help to fill the needs and gaps in the community during, and as a result of, the COVID-19 pandemic. Administrative costs also have been identified from each grant for City staff support, the commissioning of a research study on the effects of COVID-19 in the homeless community, and staff-support for the non-profits assisting with program administration.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is to not accept these funds, which will result in a lack of gap services, programs, and needs for the community in relation to COVID-19.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City will receive and allocate an additional \$4,139,331.00 in federal grant funds which allow for additional responses to COVID-19.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund: 1059
Organization/Activity: N/A
Mission Element: 132
Project # **(CIP Only)**: N/A
Account: 530000

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of the project recommendations for CDBG and ESG.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
CDBG Projects Attachment
ESG Projects Attachment