

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Community and Human Development

AGENDA DATE: January 5, 2021

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Nicole Ferrini, Chief Resilience Officer, 212-1659, ferrinim@elpasotexas.gov

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on a resolution to approve a 9th amendment to the City's 2019-2020 (45th Year) Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) and Emergency Solutions Grant-Coronavirus (ESG-CV) to:

- a. Reduce the "hold project" for the remaining balance of CDBG-CV funds by \$341,160 in CDBG-CV;
- b. Add \$341,160 in CDBG-CV funds to supplement the Inspira Hotel Emergency Shelter Project, operated by Endeavors;
- c. Add \$1,700,000 in ESG-CV funds to create a Rapid Rehousing Project;
- d. Add \$500,000 in ESG-CV funds to create an Emergency Shelter Project;
- e. Add \$430,000 in ESG-CV funds to create a Homeless Prevention Project;
- f. Add \$234,248 in ESG-CV funds to create a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Project;
- g. Add \$100,000 in ESG-CV funds to create a Street Outreach Project; and
- h. Add \$1,000,000 in ESG-CV funds to create a Homeless Welcome Center Project.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The following details each item in the proposed amendment:

- a. A hold project was established for the remaining unallocated balance of CDBG-CV. Reduction of this "project" by \$341,160 allows for completion of funding for the Inspira Hotel Emergency Shelter Project.
- b. Adding \$341,160 to the Inspira Hotel Emergency Shelter Project, in addition to the already budgeted \$1.1 million, allows for operation of the project for four full months under CDBG-CV funding.
- c. This sets aside \$1.7 million in ESG-CV funds for rapidly rehousing individuals experiencing homelessness.
- d. This sets aside \$500,000 in ESG-CV funds to support emergency shelter operations in the community.
- e. This sets aside \$430,000 in ESG-CV funds for homeless prevention services including rental assistance.
- f. This sets aside \$234,248 in ESG-CV funds to bolster HMIS reporting.
- g. This sets aside \$100,000 in ESG-CV funds for street outreach activities for unsheltered homeless individuals.
- h. This sets aside \$1 million in ESG-CV funds A notice was published on the City of El Paso website on Wednesday, December 9, 2020

A notice was published on the City of El Paso website on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 to begin a 5-day public comment period to allow for feedback regarding these proposed amendments to the 2019-2020 (45th Year) Annual Action Plan. The public comment period will conclude on Monday, January 4, 2021. Comments received will be shared with Mayor and Council.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

- The 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan was adopted by Council on July 9, 2019.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The City received \$3,757,367 in the 1st allocation of CARES Act CDBG-CV funds.
The City received \$4,121,341 in the 2nd allocation of CARES Act CDBG-CV funds.
The City received \$1,902,228 in the 1st allocation of ESG-CV funds.
The City received \$3,964,248 in the 2nd allocation of ESG-CV funds.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD:


_____ Mark Weber
for Nicole Ferrini, Chief Resilience Officer

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2019, the City Council for the City of El Paso adopted the Final Action Plan for 2019-2020 and on that date Authorized the City Manager to sign and submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan to include all certifications contained therein; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City amended the Annual Action Plan to add the Hueco Mountain Park Improvement Project (“**First Amendment**”); and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2020, the City amended the Annual Action Plan to add projects under CARES Act Emergency Solutions Grant (“**Second Amendment**”); and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2020, the City amended the Annual Action Plan to add the 45th Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA-CV) funding (“**Third Amendment**”); and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2020, the City amended the Annual Action Plan to delete the El Paso Child Guidance Center project (\$1,263,267), and delete the Parks and Recreation Summer Youth Program (\$65,000), and delete the Hotel and Motel for COVID-19 Positive Homeless project (\$125,000); and add \$1,263,267 to the existing contract with the Opportunity Center for the Homeless for continued operation of the temporary Delta Haven and Welcome Center, and add \$65,000 to the existing contract with the YWCA Paso del Norte Region for childcare services, and add \$125,000 to the Transportation for Homeless Individuals and Families project (“**Fourth Amendment**”); and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2020, the City amended the Annual Action Plan to delete the CDBG-CV Economic Recovery Technical Assistance project (\$100,000); delete the YWCA CDBG-EN Children and Youth Services project (\$65,000); reduce the YWCA CDBG-CV Children and Youth Services project from \$250,000 to \$235,000; add \$85,000 in CDBG-CV for a Veterans Permanent Supportive Housing Case Management project; and add \$30,000 in CDBG-CV and \$65,000 in CDBG-EN for a United Way Family Resilience Center project (“**Fifth Amendment**”); and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2020, the City amended the Annual Action Plan to reduce the CDBG Delta Haven and Welcome Center project by \$1,000,000; and add \$1,000,000 in CDBG for rapid rehousing of individuals and families experiencing homelessness (“**Sixth Amendment**”); and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2020, the City amended the Annual Action Plan to reduce the CDBG-CV Financial Counseling and Bankability project by \$112,500; and add \$112,500 in CDBG-CV to create a Digital Expansion project for the purchase of mobile hotspots (“**Seventh Amendment**”); and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2020, the City amended the Annual Action Plan to reduce the Project BRAVO-COVID-19 Emergency Housing Payment Assistance Program by \$1,000,000 in CDBG-CV; add \$1,000,000 in CDBG-CV to the El Paso Rent Help Rental Assistance Program operated by Under One Roof; add \$1,100,000 in CDBG-CV to create the Inspira Hotel Emergency Shelter Project operated by Endeavors; and add \$3,021,341 in CDBG-CV to create a "hold project" for the remaining balance of CDBG-CV funds ("**Eighth Amendment**"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council, based on the recommendation of the Director of the Community and Human Development Department, now desires to amend the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan to reduce existing projects and add new projects ("**Ninth Amendment**"); and

WHEREAS, on December 30, 2020 the City of El Paso posted on its website public notice and allowed a 5 day public comment period regarding the proposed amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan and 45th Year CDBG-CV Program Budget and City Council has duly considered public comment if any.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan and 45th Year CDBG-CV Program Budget are hereby amended as follows:
 - a. Reduce the "hold project" for the remaining balance of CDBG-CV funds by \$341,160 in CDBG-CV;
 - b. Add \$341,160 in CDBG-CV funds to supplement the Inspira Hotel Emergency Shelter Project, operated by Endeavors;
 - c. Add \$1,700,000 in ESG-CV funds to create a Rapid Rehousing Project;
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2. That the Department of Community and Human Development, through the Director, be authorized to make the above changes to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's program system.
3. That the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to take any actions necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution upon approval by the City Attorney's Office and Director of Community and Human Development Department.
4. Except as amended in the First Amendment, Second Amendment, Third Amendment, Fourth Amendment, Fifth Amendment, Sixth Amendment, Seventh Amendment, Eighth Amendment

and this Ninth Amendment, the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan and 45th Year CDBG Program Budget remains in full force and effect.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 20__.


CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser,
Mayor

ATTEST:


Laura D. Prine,
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Omar A. De La Rosa
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



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