

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

DEPARTMENT: Community and Human Development
AGENDA DATE: January 19, 2021
CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Nicole Ferrini, Chief Resilience Officer, 212-1659, ferrinim@elpasotexas.gov
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

SUBJECT:

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign all contracts, contract amendments and related documents between the City of El Paso and the State of Texas to receive \$1,977,081.66 in Texas Emergency Rental Assistance Program (TERAP) funds from the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA); and authorizing the Director of the Department of Community and Human Development (DCHD) to sign all contracts, amendments and related documents between the City of El Paso and agencies receiving sub-awards of TERAP funds from the City, as well as all certifications, performance reports, and other related documents.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

TDHCA has made available \$1,977,081.66 from the state allocation of CDBG-CV funds to the City of El Paso to provide emergency rental assistance. TERAP provides rental assistance to income-eligible households impacted by COVID-19 to help them stay housed during the pandemic. The program can pay up to six months of an eligible household's rent, including rental arrears, with at least one of those months covering a month of future rent. As a set-aside within the program, 10% of funds are specifically earmarked to provide the Texas Eviction Diversion Program (TEDP) which provides rental assistance to tenants who have been sued for eviction, providing the landlord and tenant an alternative to eviction.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

\$1,977,081.66 in State CDBG-CV funds through TDHCA TERAP.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

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

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



Nicole Ferrini, Chief Resilience Officer

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in late 2020, funding for the Texas Emergency Rental Assistance Program (TERAP), a program administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), was made available to provide rental assistance for households experiencing financial hardship due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, TDHCA appropriated Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds in the amount of \$1,977,081.66 to award to the City of El Paso under a contract, the period of which is to run through January 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, through this Resolution, the City of El Paso has authorization to enter into a Contract for TERAP funds; and that the City Manager and the Director of the Department of Community and Human Development (DCHD) also have authority to execute contracts, contract amendments and related documents.

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

1. That the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign all contracts, contract amendments and related documents between the City of El Paso and the State of Texas for TERAP funds; and
2. That the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign all contracts, amendments and related documents between the City of El Paso and agencies receiving sub-awards from the City (Sub-Grantee Agencies) for TERAP funds, as well as all certifications, performance reports, and related documents for TDHCA and Sub-Grantee Agencies. Further, that the City Manager or designee, is authorized to exercise all rights under the signed agreements including termination and reallocation of funds.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2021.


THE 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:



Nicole Ferrini
Chief Resilience Officer