

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

AGENDA DATE: April 27, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Nicole Ferrini, Chief Resilience Officer, 915-212-1659

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 8 – Nurture and promote a healthy, sustainable community

SUBGOAL: 8.1 – Deliver prevention, intervention and mobilization services to promote a healthy, productive and safe community

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and action on a resolution to approve a 10th amendment to the City's 2019-2020 (45th Year) Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus Phase 3 (CDBG-CVIII) to:

- a. Add \$100,000 in CDBG-CVIII funds to create a COVID-19 Emergency Shelter Capacity Expansion Project for the Opportunity Center for the Homeless;
- b. Add \$350,000 in CDBG-CVIII funds to supplement the Transportation for Homeless Individuals and Families Project, operated by Endeavors; and
- c. Add \$250,000 in CDBG-CVIII funds to create a Case Management for Persons Experiencing Homelessness Project, operated by Project Amistad.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

The following details each item in the proposed amendment:

- a. \$100,000 for the COVID-19 Emergency Shelter Capacity Expansion Project will provide additional temporary shelter space at the Opportunity Center for the Homeless, located at 1208 Myrtle Avenue. The additional shelter space will allow for greater daytime capacity while complying with CDC social distancing guidelines.
- b. The addition of \$350,000 to the Transportation for Homeless Individuals and Families Project will allow for an additional 4 months of service (6 months when taking into account already allocated ESG-CV funds), providing transportation to homeless individuals and families to and from COVID-19 testing sites, quarantine and suitable shelter and housing options.
- c. \$250,000 in CDBG-CVIII for a Case Management for Persons Experiencing Homelessness Project will provide increased case management services to expedite the placement of individuals experiencing homelessness who are currently residing at the Delta Welcome Center, as well as those at the Inspira Hotel. Case managers will assess and guide clients through the appropriate process to access shelter, housing, and other health and human services.

A notice was published on the City of El Paso website on Thursday, April 22, 2021 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 April 26, 2021. Comments received will be shared with Mayor and Council.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

No.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

The City received \$7,878,708 in the 3rd allocation of CARES Act CDBG-CV funds.

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? YES NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Department of Community + Human Development (DCHD)

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: N/A

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

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, on January 5, 2021, the City amended the Annual Action Plan to reduce the "hold project" for the remaining balance of CDBG-CV funds by \$341,160 in CDBG-CV; add \$341,160 in CDBG-CV funds to supplement the Inspira Hotel Emergency Shelter Project, operated by Endeavors; add

\$1,700,000 in ESG-CV funds to create a Rapid Rehousing Project; add \$500,000 in ESG-CV funds to create an Emergency Shelter Project; add \$430,000 in ESG-CV funds to create a Homeless Prevention Project; add \$234,248 in ESG-CV funds to create a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Project; add \$100,000 in ESG-CV funds to create a Street Outreach Project; and add \$1,000,000 in ESG-CV funds to create a Homeless Welcome Center Project (“Ninth 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 April 22, 2021 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 Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus Phase 3 (CDBG-CVIII) Program Budget are hereby amended as follows:

- a. Add \$100,000 in CDBG-CVIII funds to create a COVID-19 Emergency Shelter Capacity Expansion Project for the Opportunity Center for the Homeless;
- b. Add \$350,000 in CDBG-CVIII funds to supplement the Transportation for Homeless Individuals and Families project, operated by Endeavors;
- c. Add \$250,000 in CDBG-CVIII funds to create a Case Management for Persons Experiencing Homelessness Project, operated by Project Amistad;

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

(signatures on following page)

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20__.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Juan S. Gonzalez
Senior Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Nicole Ferrini, Director
Community and Human