

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

**AGENDA DATE:** May 25, 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 an 11th 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. Delete the COVID-19 Emergency Shelter Capacity Expansion Project for the Opportunity Center for the Homeless (\$100,000 CDBG-CVIII); and
- b. Add \$550,000 in CDBG-CVIII funds to supplement the Inspira Hotel Emergency Shelter Project, operated by Endeavors.

**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. Deleting the COVID-19 Emergency Shelter Capacity Expansion Project allows for additional CDBG-CVIII funds to be invested in the Insoira Hotel Emergency Shelter project which is a more effective means of increasing overall shelter capacity.
- b. The addition of \$550,000 in CDBG-CVIII funds for the Inspira Hotel Emergency Shelter Project, as well as potential additional funding from other sources in the amount of \$850,000, will provide a total of \$1,400,000 to maintain current operations for an additional 6 months. This project is serving as overflow capacity for existing emergency shelters that have reduced capacity due to COVID-19 precautions.

A notice was published on the City of El Paso website on Thursday, May 19, 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 May 24, 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?**

On April 27, 2021 City Council approved \$100,000 in CDBG-CVIII for the COVID-19 Emergency Shelter Capacity Expansion Project.

**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 (CDBG-CVIII).

**HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED?   X   YES    NO**

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

**SECONDARY DEPARTMENT:** N/A

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**\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\***

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**



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**(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);

**WHEREAS**, on August 18, 2020, the City amended the Annual Action Plan to 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;

**WHEREAS**, on August 18, 2020 the City amended the Annual Action Plan to 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;

**WHEREAS**, on September 15, 2020, the City amended the Annual Action Plan to 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;

**WHEREAS**, on December 15, 2020, the City amended the Annual Action Plan to 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**, on April 27, 2021, the City amended the Annual Action Plan to add \$100,000 in CDBG-CVIII funds to create a COVID-19 Emergency Shelter Capacity Expansion Project; add \$350,000

in CDBG-CVIII funds to supplement the Transportation for Homeless Individuals and Families Project; and add \$250,000 in CDBG-CVIII funds to create a Case Management for Persons Experiencing Homelessness Project (“Tenth 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 delete existing projects and add new projects; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 19, 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-CVIII 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 is hereby amended as follows:
  - a. Delete the COVID-19 Emergency Shelter Capacity Expansion Project for the Opportunity Center for the Homeless (\$100,000 CDBG-CVIII); and
  - b. Add \$550,000 in CDBG-CVIII funds to supplement the Inspira Hotel Emergency Shelter Project, operated by Endeavors.
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, Tenth Amendment, and this Eleventh Amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan and 45th Year CDBG Program Budget remains in full force and effect.

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

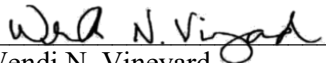
**CITY OF EL PASO:**

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Oscar Leeser  
Mayor


**ATTEST:**

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Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Wendi N. Vineyard  
Assistant City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

  
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Nicole Ferrini, Director  
Community and Human Development