



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

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HCD20-85 Authorizing submission of the Amended 2019 Annual Action Plan

Agenda Item#: 19.

Summary:

ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the submission of a substantial amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which includes an application for the following entitlement grants: 1) Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) in the amount of \$14,523,741; 2) Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant Coronavirus (HOPWA-CV) in the amount of \$1,501,211; and 3) Emergency Solutions Grants Coronavirus (ESG-CV), in the amount of \$7,252,552; to accept funds from the aforementioned Grants, if awarded

Background:

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) recommends Council approval of an ordinance authorizing the following:

1. The submission of the Amended 2019 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which includes an application for the following entitlement grants to be received from HUD: Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV), the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant Coronavirus (HOPWA-CV), and Emergency Solutions Grants Coronavirus (ESG-CV) program funds and an amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan;
2. The execution of the agreements between the City of Houston and HUD for the grants by the Mayor, or the Mayor's designee; and
3. The execution of related forms and documents for the grants by the Mayor, or the Mayor's designee. The application estimates a total of \$23,277,504.00 in federal funds during HUD Program Year 2019 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020).

On March 27, 2020 the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law-116-136, authorized a special allocation of CDBG-CV, HOPWA-CV, and ESG-CV to states and local jurisdictions to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19). HUD has allocated \$23,277,504.00 to the City of Houston to prevent and respond to COVID-19 impacts through grant eligible activities in alignment with the Annual Action Plan, which promotes strategies that 1) preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing, 2) expand homeownership opportunities, 3) provide assistance to persons affected by HIV/AIDS, 4) reduce homelessness, 5) improve quality of life, 6) revitalize communities, 7) foster community economic development, and 8) promote fair housing. The format and information presented in the amended 2019 Annual Action Plan are based on federal guidance and requirements. The funding allocated through the CARES Act must be expended by September 30, 2022.

HCDD proposes to fund \$14,523,741.00 in CDBG-CV activities as follows:

Community Development Block Grant - CV		
Public Services	\$ 10,968,993	75.5%
Housing Services	\$ 650,000	4.5%
Planning and Administration	\$ 2,904,748	20.0%
Total	\$ 14,523,741	100.0%

HCDD proposes to fund \$1,501,211.00 in HOPWA-CV activities as follows:

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant - CV		
Supportive Services	\$ 261,018	17.4%
Project or Tenant-based Rental Assistance	\$ 200,000	13.3%
Short-Term, Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance	\$ 800,000	53.3%
Grantee Administration	\$ 90,072	6.0%
Sponsor Administration	\$ 150,121	10.0%
Total	\$ 1,501,211	100.0%

HCDD proposes to fund \$7,252,552.00 in ESG-CV activities as follows:

Emergency Solutions Grant - CV		
Street Outreach	\$ 127,297	1.8%

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$ 100,000	1.4%
Emergency Solutions Grant - CV		
Emergency Shelter	\$ 4,000,000	55.2%
Homeless Prevention	\$ 2,000,000	27.6%
Rapid Re-Housing	\$ 300,000	4.1%
Administration	\$ 725,255	10.0%
Total	\$ 7,252,552	100.0%

As stipulated by federal regulations and recent waivers granted by HUD, residents had 5 days to comment on the proposed 2019 Annual Action Plan before it is approved by City Council. The 5-day review period extended from April 20, 2020 through April 25, 2020.

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Tom McCasland, Director

Prior Council Action:

- 5/22/2019 (O) 2019-381
- 6/6/2018 (O) 2018-457
- 5/23/2018 (O) 2018-430
- 7/19/2017 (O) 2017-516
- 4/27/2016 (O) 16-340
- 4/15/2015 (O) 15-338

Amount of Funding:

\$23,277,504.00
 Federal Government – Grant Fund
 Fund 5000

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ATTACHMENTS:

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Ordinance_Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan	Ordinance/Resolution/Motion
Application for Entitlement Grants	Other