



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

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HCD21-1 Authorizing submission of the 2021 Annual Action Plan

Agenda Item#: 34.

Background:

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

1. The submission of the 2021 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 (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME), the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program funds. The application estimates a total of \$47,962,040.00 in federal funds and \$283,938.00 in Program Income to benefit income-eligible residents during HUD Program Year 2021 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022);
2. The execution of the Agreements between the City of Houston (City) and HUD for the entitlement grants by the Mayor, or the Mayor's designee; and
3. The execution of related forms and documents for the entitlement grants by the Mayor, or the Mayor's designee.

Funding priorities include affordable home development, supportive services, infrastructure and neighborhood facilities, and economic development. The goal of the Annual Action Plan is to promote 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) promote health and safety, 8) foster community economic development, and 9) promote fair housing. The format and information presented in the 2021 Annual Action Plan are based on federal guidance and requirements. The 2021 Annual Action Plan is the second Annual Action Plan of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

HCDD recommends that the City's allocation of \$24,665,507.00 in CDBG funds and \$157,395.00 in projected Program Income be distributed among the following categories:

Community Development Block Grant		
Public Services (Homeless, Social Services, Youth, Special Needs, Elderly)	\$3,662,800.00	14.7%
ESG Match	\$500,000.00	2.0%
Public Facilities	\$5,527,529.00	22.3%
Single-Family Home Repair	\$5,527,530.00	22.3%
Homeownership Assistance	\$900,000.00	3.6%
Lead Based Paint	\$75,000.00	0.3%
Economic Development	\$100,000.00	0.4%
Code Enforcement	\$3,065,463.00	12.4%
Housing Services	\$500,000.00	2.0%
Program Administration	\$4,964,580.00	20.0%
TOTAL	\$24,822,902.00	100.0%

HCDD recommends that the City's allocation of \$10,306,178.00 in HOME funds and \$126,543.00 of projected Program Income be distributed among the following categories:

HOME Investment Partnerships Grant		
Multifamily Acquisition/Rehabilitation/New Construction/Relocation/Program Delivery	\$5,143,523.00	49.3%
Single-Family Acquisition/Rehabilitation/New Construction/Relocation/Program Delivery	\$1,745,926.00	16.7%
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	\$2,500,000.00	24.0%
Program Administration	\$1,043,272.00	10.0%
Total	\$10,432,721.00	100.0%

HCDD recommends to fund \$10,884,807.00 in HOPWA activities for the 2021-2022 Program Year as follows:

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant		
Operating Costs	\$2,351,795.00	21.6%
Supportive Services	\$2,268,670.00	20.8%
Project or Tenant-based Rental Assistance	\$2,535,172.00	23.3%
Short-Term, Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance	\$2,535,172.00	23.3%
Resource Identification/Technical Assistance/Housing Information	\$105,518.00	1.0%
Grantee Administration	\$326,544.00	3.0%
Sponsor Administration	\$761,936.00	7.0%
TOTAL	\$10,884,807.00	100.0%

HCDD recommends to fund \$2,105,548.00 in ESG activities for the 2021-2022 Program Year as follows:

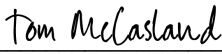
Emergency Solutions Grant		
Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS)	\$84,222.00	4.0%
Emergency Shelter	\$757,997.00	36.0%
Homeless Prevention	\$536,915.00	25.5%
Rapid Re-Housing	\$568,498.00	27.0%
Administration	\$157,916.00	7.5%
TOTAL	\$2,105,548.00	100.0%

HCDD solicited public input in the development of the 2021 Annual Action Plan. HCDD also developed and distributed written information on these federal grants and sponsored four public hearings (two in the fall and two in the spring) in the Houston area.

As stipulated by federal regulations and in conformity with the Citizen Participation Plan, residents had 30 days to comment on the proposed 2021 Annual Action Plan before it is approved by City Council. The 30-day review period extended from March 17, 2020 through April 16, 2020.

No fiscal note is required for grant items.

This item was reviewed by the Housing and Community Affairs Committee on March 23, 2021.

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 Tom McCasland, Director

Amount of Funding:

\$48,245,978.00 (to be received) – Federal Government – Grant Fund – (5000)

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