



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3662, **Agenda Item #:** 31.

12/10/2020

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of emergency grant funding in the amount of \$7,262,074 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV)-based COVID-19 relief programs; and amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Housing and Planning Department Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20200812-001) by appropriating the \$7,262,074 accepted from HUD for CDBG-CV-based COVID-19 relief programs; and authorizing the City Manager to apply for CARES Act funds and to negotiate with the federal government to receive the CARES Act funds.

Lead Department

Housing and Planning Department.

Fiscal Note

Additional funding in the amount of \$7,262,074 is available from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Fiscal Year 2020 grant contract period is October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. This is a one-time emergency grant authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) Program. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

May 21, 2020, Council approved an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of emergency grant funding in the amount of \$4,620,659 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV)-based COVID-19 relief programs; and amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department Operating Budget by appropriating the \$4,620,659 accepted from HUD for CDBG-CV-based COVID-19 relief programs.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

December 4, 2020: A public hearing was conducted before the Community Development Commission to receive public input on draft amendment to the City's federal Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

Additional Backup Information:

The goal of the grant is to provide funds to state and local governments to help prepare for and respond to COVID-19 and relief to individuals suffering from the economic impacts of COVID-19.

This action also amends the Housing and Planning (HPD) Department Operating Budget by appropriating the available one-time emergency grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$7,262,074.

Budget amendment dollars will be used to fund activities authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the City's Consolidated Plans and Action Plans. Projected Activities:

- Child care services for essential workers: \$2,500,000
- Small Business eligible activities: \$2,500,000
- Emergency Rental Assistance: \$2,262,074

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.