

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Resolution 1) adopting the recommendations for use of Community Development Block Grant funding for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (CDBG-CV3) as transmitted by the Human Services Commission; 2) authorizing the City Manager or his designee to submit a proposal to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for CDBG-CV3 funding; 3) authorizing the City Manager or his designee to accept a grant award contract with HUD; and 4) authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into agreements with grant subrecipients.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Resolution adopts the Human Services Commission's funding recommendations as presented to Council on March 22 for use of Community Development Block Grant funding for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (referred to as CDBG-CV3).

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9916

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

On March 27, 2020, the U.S. Congress allocated \$5 billion in supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). These funds, known as CDBG-CV, must be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. Bellevue received its first allocation of CDBG-CV funds last year in the amount of \$489,287. In May 2020, Council directed the funds be spent to address COVID-19 related needs in the following areas: Homeless Services, Financial Assistance, Childcare, and Legal Assistance. The City will receive a second allocation of CDBG-CV funds (referred to as CDBG-CV3) in the amount of \$897,287 which was anticipated and included in the 2021 budget.

On January 5, the Human Services Commission received a briefing on the most urgent needs related to COVID-19. The Commission chose rental assistance, food assistance, and behavioral health as the focus areas for this funding source. A request for proposals (RFP) was issued on January 11 and closed on February 1. On February 17, the Commission reviewed 15 applications that were eligible for CDBG-CV3 funding and voted on its preliminary funding recommendations. A public hearing was held on these recommendations on March 2, after which the Commissioners voted to approve their final funding recommendations (Attachment A).

On March 22, staff presented the Commission's funding plan for the CDBG-CV3 funds to the Council and Council directed staff to return with legislation approving the funding recommendations.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

The Human Services Commission is governed by Chapter 3.61 of the Bellevue City Code, which states that it shall review all requests for funding of human services and make recommendations to the City Council.

Comprehensive Plan, Human Services Element:

- HS-3. Identify opportunities and development strategies that are preventative in their approach to human services needs.
- HS-4. Allocate funds and other resources across the continuum of human services needs by soliciting proposals from nonprofit agencies and services benefiting low- and moderate-income residents.
- HS-12. Support and actively coordinate with local, regional, and national efforts that address local human services needs to ensure local programs complement programs provided at the county, state and federal level.
- HS-14. Support agencies locating human services facilities in Bellevue and, where appropriate, encourage efficiencies through agency collocation and collaboration.

Fiscal Impact

This Resolution accepts a grant from HUD and authorizes the expenditure of \$897,287 to implement the 2021 CDBG-CV3 recommendations as submitted by the Bellevue Human Services Commission.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution 1) adopting the recommendations for use of Community Development Block Grant funding for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (CDBG-CV3) as transmitted by the Human Services Commission; 2) authorizing the City Manager or his designee to submit a proposal to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for CDBG-CV3 funding; 3) authorizing the City Manager or his designee to accept a grant award contract with HUD; and 4) authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into agreements with grant subrecipients.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

- A. 2021 CDBG-CV3 Funding Recommendations
Proposed Resolution No. 9916

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N/A