

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance 1) amending the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan adopted by Ordinance 6438, to add \$489,623 in new Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds and allocate these new CDBG-CV funds plus \$506,934 from prior years' unspent funds for COVID-19-related expenses incurred for homeless services, emergency financial assistance, childcare, and legal assistance; 2) amending the CDBG Citizen Participation Plan in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines; 3) authorizing the City Manager or his designee to submit a proposal to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for CDBG-CV funding; 4) authorizing the City Manager or his designee to accept a grant award contract with HUD for the CDBG-CV funds; 5) amending the 2019-2020 Operating Grants and Donations Fund to increase the appropriation by \$996,557; and 6) authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into agreements with grant subrecipients.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Per Council direction on May 11, 2020, staff is returning with legislation that would accept and allocate new CDBG funding made available in response to COVID-19 and re-allocates prior year unspent CDBG dollars. In addition, this Ordinance amends the CDBG Citizen Participation Plan in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6514.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

On May 11, Council was provided with an overview of new Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding made available to assist with the response to COVID-19. Council provided direction for staff to prepare associated plans in accordance with HUD guidelines and an Ordinance to allocate new CDBG-CV dollars in the amount of \$489,623 plus \$506,934 from prior years' unspent CDBG funds for COVID-19-related expenses incurred for homeless services, emergency financial assistance, childcare, and legal assistance. In addition, staff were directed to return to Council with a recommendation for one additional emergency financial assistance provider with an emphasis on reaching underserved populations.

Funding Recommendation

Staff is returning tonight seeking adoption of Ordinance No. 6514, accepting the additional CDBG funds provided by HUD in the amount of \$489,623 to be allocated to homeless services provided in response to COVID-19. In addition, action would approve the re-allocation of prior year unspent CDBG funds in

the amount of \$506,934. The funding supports activities in response to COVID-19: \$206,934 to emergency financial services; \$150,000 to childcare subsidies; and \$150,000 to legal services.

Funding Allocation (by fund and agency)		
CDBG-CV \$ Allocation \$489,623		
Congregations for the Homeless (CFH)	\$244,812	Homeless Services
The Sophia Way	\$244,811	Homeless Services
Unspent prior CDBG \$506,934		
Hopelink	\$106,934	Emergency financial assistance
Indian Association of Western Washington (IAWW)	\$100,000	Emergency financial assistance
Bellevue School District	\$75,000	Childcare subsidies
Child Care Resources	\$75,000	Childcare subsidies
Lifewire	\$50,000	Legal advocacy
Consejo	\$50,000	Legal advocacy
Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP)	\$50,000	Legal advocacy

As directed by Council at the May 11 meeting, staff's recommendation includes allocated funding in the amount of \$100,000 to an agency whose mission is focused on supporting underserved populations. Staff's recommendation includes an allocation of \$100,000 to the Indian Association of Western Washington (IAWW) to meet this purpose. While IAWW is not a current recipient of CDBG funds, they are current partners with the City and have received assistance through City of Bellevue Human Services funding. The Human Services Commission has vetted IAWW in the recent past as part of its funding recommendation process, and based on that review, staff is confident that the agency meets all requirements to receive CDBG funding.

Amended Citizen Participation Plan and Action Plan

On March 27, the U.S. Congress passed The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (H.R. 748), also known as the CARES Act. The bill allocates \$5 billion in supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (CDBG-CV).

The CARES Act provides that grantees may amend their Citizen Participation Plan to establish expedited procedures to amend Consolidated Plans and Annual Action Plans. In accordance with direction from Council on May 11, staff has followed guidance from HUD in order to implement an expedited participation plan, including providing a five-day comment period in place of the normal time periods. The amended Citizen Participation Plan (Attachment C), and a copy of the Public Notice published in the Seattle Times (Attachment D) have been included for Council review.

Any comments received prior to the closing of the public comment period at 5 pm on May 18 will be provided to the Council as copies in your desk packet tonight.

In addition, the staff have drafted an amendment to the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan to incorporate the allocated \$489,623 in Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus funds, in addition to the recommended FY 2019 AND FY 2018 unallocated funds in the amount of \$506,934.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Recommendations for the use of CDBG funds are supported by the following goals and policies as cited in the City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan:

GOALS & POLICIES

GOAL Create a community in which each and every member has the ability to meet their basic physical, economic, and social needs, and the opportunity to enhance their quality of life.

Comprehensive Plan Sections:

HS-4. Allocate funds and other resources across the continuum of human service needs by soliciting proposals from nonprofit agencies for services benefiting low- and moderate-income residents.

HS-8. Make Bellevue a welcoming, safe and just community marked by fairness and equity provided to those disproportionately affected by poverty, discrimination and victimization.

HS-11. Encourage culturally competent service delivery that respects the dignity of individuals and families, and fosters self-determination and self-sufficiency.

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-13. Encourage partnerships among public and private institutions, schools, human services providers, and others to collectively address needs of children and families using schools as a focal point for the community.

HS-16. Provide leadership and work in partnership with community agencies to encourage and promote the development and expansion of the supply of affordable, accessible, and quality child-care which meets the diverse needs of the community in all areas of the City.

HS-18. Support an intentional local community response to homelessness with housing and supportive services provided to families, youth and single adults.

Fiscal Impact

Adoption of Ordinance No. 6514 will accept \$489,623 in CDBG-CV dollars and allocate \$996,557 dollars to reimburse agencies for providing identified services related to COVID 19.

Funds Available		Allocations	
New 2020 CDBG-CV	\$489,623	Homeless Services	\$489,623
Unspent prior CDBG	506,934	Financial Assistance	206,934
		Childcare	150,000
		Legal Assistance	150,000
Total	\$996,557	Total	\$996,557

OPTIONS

1. Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6514 which includes agency recommendations made on 5/11/2020 and includes one additional agency recommended this evening and approve corresponding Citizen Participation Plan and 2019 Amended Action Plan for HUD.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

- A. May 11, 2020 CDBG Agenda Memo
- B. CARES Act Flexibilities CDBG Funds Used to Support Coronavirus Response
- C. Amended Citizen Participation Plan
- D. Amended 2019 Action Plan
- E. Public Notice, Published May 14, 2020
Proposed Ordinance No. 6514

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