

Community Development Block Grant Allocation

Special Federal Allowance per COVID-19

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Direction Needed from Council

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6514.

Accepting and appropriating certain CDBG funding and authorizing certain plans as required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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Agenda

1. Review Council Direction from May 11, 2020
2. Staff Recommendation of New Agency to Provide Emergency Financial Assistance



HUD Process

HUD amended its process

1. Public comment period of 5 days reduced from 30 days
2. HUD plans review period of 5 days reduced from 45 days

HUD public comment period is now satisfied.

After Council approval, submit plans to HUD for review.

Principles for Allocation

1. Target the greatest and urgent needs
2. Find best value for the investment
3. Seek expedient approval of service providers
4. Reach traditionally underserved populations with specialized focus on cultural and linguistic diversity

Council Direction May 11

- ✓ Meet all four principles
- ✓ Target the top four service needs

Homeless Services \$489,623

Congregations for the Homeless and The Sophia Way

Financial Assistance \$206,934

Hopelink and a [new provider](#) that focuses on traditionally underserved communities

Childcare \$150,000

Bellevue School District and Child Care Resources

Legal Assistance/DV \$150,000

Lifewire, Consejo, and Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP)

Emergency Financial Assistance

- ✓ Specialized in underserved communities with a focus on cultural and linguistic diversity
- ✓ Already vetted by the Human Services Commission
- ✓ Demonstrated organizational capacity to accept and administer CDBG funding and deliver Emergency Financial Assistance

Recommended New Provider

Indian Association of Western Washington (IAWW)
Contract for \$100,000

EFA Agency Descriptions

IAWW, Lalita Uppala, Executive Director

- Specializes in serving immigrants and refugees
- Works through inter-agency partnerships
 - Eastside Pathways
 - King County Immigrant and Refugee Commission
 - Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition
 - Commission of Asia Pacific American Affairs (CAPAA)
- Staff speaks 14 different languages of Asia and Latin America
- Uses outreach ambassadors to connect with other immigrant communities and communities of color

EFA Agency Descriptions

“**Hopelink** is dedicated to serving all members of our very diverse community who need assistance at all times, but particularly now in this time of unprecedented crisis.

Our numbers served reflect the disproportionate representation of communities of color who are experiencing poverty in our region. We will continue to make Hopelink a safe, welcoming place to receive services, even during this time when we are no longer face to face.”

-- *Lauren Thomas, Executive Director*

- Accessibility
 - Translation
 - Confidentiality
 - Partnership
- Eastside For All
 - ERIC
 - Eastside Pathways
 - MCRC



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