

Legislation Text

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Emergency Solutions Grant Funding Recommendations

Action:

Approve Emergency Solutions Grant Fund allocations totaling \$415,525 to the following agencies:

- **The Men’s Shelter, \$117,325,**
- **The Salvation Army, \$108,200, and**
- **The Relatives, \$190,000.**

Committee Chair:

LaWana Mayfield, Housing and Neighborhood Development

Staff Resource(s):

Pamela Wideman, Housing and Neighborhood Services
Miles Vaughn, Housing and Neighborhood Services

Explanation

- The approval of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) allocations help fund temporary shelters in support of the City’s efforts to end and prevent homelessness.
- On any given night, more than 700 individuals are sleeping in men’s and women’s homeless shelters. The ESG program contains five components: Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Homeless Prevention, Rapid Re-Housing, and the Homeless Management Information System.
- ESG funds are allocated annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and must be used to:
 - Engage homeless individuals and families living on the streets,
 - Improve the quality and operation of emergency shelters,
 - Provide essential services to shelter residents,
 - Rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families, and
 - Prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless.

Committee Discussion

- On June 13, 2018, Housing and Neighborhood Services staff presented recommendations for the ESG Fund allocations to the Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee. The Committee voted unanimously (Mayfield, Driggs, Egleston, Harlow and Newton) to approve the allocations.

Background

- On May 14, 2018, City Council adopted the HUD Annual Action Plan (Plan). The Plan:
 - Identifies the need for affordable, safe, and decent housing and shelter for low-income and moderate-income families,
 - Governs the use of funding for federal housing programs and identifies City housing goals, and
 - Outlines a goal of supporting facilities and programs for the homeless with the ESG funds.

Fiscal Note

Funding: HUD Funds

Attachment(s)
Executive Summary