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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Annual Action Plan Amendments-CV

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Background

Harris County Commissioners Court previously approved the Annual Action Plans (AAP). The Annual Action Plans, which are a consolidation of the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) I and III and Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds, were also subsequently approved by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Since HUD approval several changes have been made to projects reported in these documents. These consist of substantial amendments, which are defined below.

Substantial Amendments:

Substantial amendments in a planned or actual activity or objective change require a 5-day public review period and court approval. A substantial amendment is defined as:

1. addition or deletion of an activity or objective;
2. change in the objective of activity; or
3. change of more than 25% in the dollar amount needed for a project

These amendments were included on October 18, 28, and November 5, 2021, public notices. The 5-day public review period has been met, and we are now asking the Court to approve the change to the Annual Action Plans.

2020 ESG-CV1 & CV2 Funding:

C2020-031p ESG-CV Harris County Community Services Department Homeless Prevention/Rapid Rehousing (RRH) (Countywide). New Project. Deobligate \$178,017 in 2020 ESG CV1 FUNDS and Deobligate \$299,895.00 2020 ESG CV2. Scope: The program will respond and prevent COVID 19 by providing housing stability case management services, rental assistance, and utility assistance to 40 homeless individuals or those at risk of homelessness to increase general well-being and quality of life. Total project funding, including previously awarded amounts, will be \$0.00.

2020 CDBG-CV Round 3 Funding:

Project C2020-049 CDBG-CV Comprehensive Eviction Prevention and Rental Housing Program (Countywide). **Administrative Correction:** Previously published on October 28, 2021 to obligate \$1,300,000.00 in CDBG-CV Round 3 Funding for a total funding amount of \$1,300,000.00. **Revision:** Obligate \$1,300,000 for a total funding amount of \$4,000,000. Current scope: HCCSD, as part of the community-wide effort to respond to COVID-19 and its acute negative impact on financial and housing stability, will provide short-term emergency rental/mortgage payments and housing stability services including, but not limited to housing counseling, landlord incentives, and utility payments through a network of organizations designated to prevent the onset of homelessness. The project will serve individuals and families at the highest risk of eviction due to loss of income, unemployment, and health issues resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. **Revised scope:** Project will serve individuals and families at the highest risk of eviction due to loss of income, unemployment, and health issues resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. To provide rental assistance and case management to 70 eligible households per year (or 140 over two years) who are or are at risk of homelessness, which will prevent these households exposure to Conronavirus and increase housing stability. Total project funding, including previously awarded amounts, will be \$4,000,000.00.

Project C2020-049 CDBG-CV Comprehensive Eviction Prevention and Rental Housing Program (Countywide). Reallocation of project funding to Sub-activity 1: to provide rental assistance and case management to 70 eligible households per year (or 140 over two years) who are or are at risk of homelessness, which will prevent these households exposure to Conronavirus and increase housing stability in the amount of \$2,700,000. Remaining project amount is \$1,300,000 for the total project amount of \$4,000,000.

Project C2020-050 CDBG-CV Harris County Community Services Department Preparedness/Prevention/Response Solutions (Countywide). **Obligate** \$1,190,003.00 in CDBG-CV Round 3 Funding. **Current scope:** The CDBG-CV Preparedness/Prevention/Response Solutions Program will provide support and relief from the impact of COVID-19 to Harris County residents by offering financial support to organizations or businesses who are engaging ineffective solutions to help mitigate the negative impact of the COVID pandemic for Harris County residents. The organizations/businesses receiving the CDBG-CV Preparedness/Prevention/Response Solutions funding will provide meaningful programs and/or services to Harris County residents who are low to moderate-income and who have experienced hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **Revised scope:** Funding will provide meaningful programs and/or services to Harris County residents who are low to moderate-income and who have experienced hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To provide rental assistance and case management to 70 eligible households per year (or 140 over two years) who are or are at risk of homelessness, which will prevent these households' exposure to Coronavirus and increase housing stability. Total project funding, including previously awarded amounts, will be \$1,190,003.00.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commissioners Court approves the above-referenced changes to the Annual Action Plan.