



Legislation Text

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To: Harris County Commissioners Court

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Subject: Acceptance of HUD FY 2021 Allocations

Project ID (If applicable): N/A

Purpose and Request:

Request by Community Services for authorization to accept from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant funds in the total amount of \$20,116,494, with no required match, for the PY 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs.

Background and Discussion:

In accordance with 24 CFR Part 91, the Consolidated Planning regulation, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that all participating jurisdictions have a long-range Consolidated Plan and all participating jurisdictions must provide an annual update to the Consolidated Plan. This one-year plan (Annual Action Plan) must explain how the jurisdiction will address its service area residents' needs, community revitalization efforts, and the goals and objectives of the Consolidated Plan over the next program year (PY2021) for Harris County's Entitlement Grants for the CDBG, ESG and HOME programs. The PY2021AAP proposes to fund a total of thirty-eight (38) projects, not including program administration and unprogrammed funds, for a total of \$12,914,045.

Fiscal Impact:

Acceptance of the HUD allocation allows Harris County to submit the PY2021 Annual Action Plan in IDIS to HUD by April 25, 2021. After approval, HUD will issue grant agreements for PY2021 CDBG, ESG and HOME programs estimated to total \$20,075,894. The addition of estimated program income and prior year funding brings the total PY2021 AAP to \$21,066,494.

Fiscal Summary			
Expenditures	FY 20-21	FY 21-22 Projected	Future Years Projected [3 additional years]
Service Impacted: Public Housing, Homeless program administration			
Existing Budget			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			

Funding Sources			
Existing Department Budget			
Please Identify Funding Sources: Special Revenue, Grant, etc.			
Grant - Acceptance for HUD (CDBG, ESG and HOME)		\$20,116,494	
Total Sources		\$20,116,494	

Alternatives:

No action would result in Harris County not meeting the requirements to submit the PY2021 Annual Action Plan to HUD and the county would not receive the PY2021 Entitlement Grant funds allocated.

Alignment with Strategic Objective:

- Manage grants in compliance with federal, state and local statutes, rules and regulations
- Increase affordable rental housing with expanded opportunities for very low-income households
- Increase homeownership and maximize effectiveness of homeownership programs
- Reduce and Prevent Persons Experiencing Homelessness by providing essential services and housing resources
- Provide efficient, dependable transportation
- Promote economic stability by increasing access to and providing assistance to low income and vulnerable populations
- Preserve affordable housing through homeowner rehabilitation/reconstruction, and lead based paint abatement services and maximize effectiveness of programs
- Improve quality of life through investment of grant funds
- Improve condition and resiliency to future flooding for existing single-family housing stock through rehabilitation, reconstruction and new construction
- Improve coordination and outreach with internal and external stakeholders

Attachments:

- Executive Summary
- Court Order
- HUD Award letter
- PY2021 Annual Action Plan Highlights - Summary of plan funding and activities