



Legislation Text

File #: 21-6602, **Version:** 1

Department: Community Services

Department Head/Elected Official: Adrienne M. Holloway, Ph.D., Executive Director

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Supplemental RCA

Type of Request: Grant

Project ID (if applicable):

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries, Inc.

MWDBE Participation (if applicable):

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request by Community Services for approval to submit an application to the Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries, Inc., for grant funds in the amount of \$460,000, with no required match, for the FY 2022 Utility and Rental Assistance Program.

Background and Discussion:

The National Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) began in 1983 with a \$50 million federal appropriation created by Congress. This program was designed to help meet the needs of hungry and homeless people throughout the United States and its territories by allocating federal funds to supplement the work of local social service organizations within the United States, both private and governmental, to help people in need of emergency assistance.

On November 5, 2021, the Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries, Inc. (ACAM), acting as the Local Board for the EFSP, released an application for EFSP Phase 39 funds. During the last grant cycle, Harris County Community Services Department (CSD) was awarded an amount of \$220,513 in EFSP Phase 38 funding to provide emergency rental and utility assistance to approximately 838 Harris County residents. Now, CSD proposes to submit an application for EFSP Phase 39 grant funds. This application will serve as a renewal grant for on-going services administered by the County for the last 34 years. This grant will provide emergency rental, mortgage and utility assistance to 1,800 eligible low-income households. The application will request \$460,000 to provide these services for the grant period that runs seventeen (17) months beginning on January 1, 2022 and ending on May 31, 2023.

Expected Impact:

Approval to apply for the EFSP Phase 39 grant will allow CSD's Office of Social Services to supplement existing funding to continue to assist approximately 1,800 low-income families with rent, mortgage and utility assistance.

Alternative Options:

There are no alternatives. CSD's Office of Social Services depends on this funding source to continue to adequately provide financial assistance to those families who are eligible and in need of emergency financial assistance.

Alignment with Goal(s):

- ☐ Justice and Safety
- ☒ Economic Opportunity
- ☒ Housing
- ☐ Public Health
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Flooding
- ☐ Environment
- ☐ Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

| Date | Agenda Item # | Action Taken |
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Location:

Address (if applicable): 9418 Jensen Drive, Houston, Texas 77093

Precinct(s): Choose an item.

| Fiscal and Personnel Summary | | | |
|--|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Service Name | | | |
| | FY 21-22 | FY 22 | Next 3 FYs |
| Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions) | | | |
| Labor Expenditures | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Non-Labor Expenditures | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Total Incremental Expenditures | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions) | | | |
| Existing Budget | | | |
| Grant | \$220,513 | \$ | \$ |
| Choose an item. | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Choose an item. | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Total Current Budget | \$220,513 | \$ | \$ |
| Additional Budget Requested | | | |
| Grant | \$ | \$460,000 | \$ |

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| Choose an item. | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Choose an item. | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Total Additional Budget Requested | \$ | \$460,000 | \$ |
| Total Funding Sources | \$220,513 | \$460,000 | \$ |
| Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs) | | | |
| Current Position Count for Service | - | - | - |
| Additional Positions Requested | - | - | - |
| Total Personnel | - | - | - |

Anticipated Implementation Date: January 1, 2022

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

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Attachments (if applicable): EFSP Phase 39 Application