



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 22-5632, **Version:** 1

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**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):** Emergency Food and Shelter Program Phase 40 & Phase 41

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

**MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable):** N/A

**MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable):** N/A

**Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal:** N/A - Goal not applicable to request

### **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 \$800,000, with no required match, for the FY 2023 Utility and Rental Assistance (Phase 40 & Phase 41) programs.

### **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 August 31, 2022 the Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries, Inc. (ACAM), acting as the Local Board for the EFSP, released an application for EFSP Phase 40 and Phase 41 funds. During the last grant cycle, Harris County Community Services Department (CSD) was awarded an amount of \$240,820 in EFSP Phase 39 funding to provide emergency rental and utility assistance to approximately 941 Harris County residents. Now, CSD proposes to submit an application for EFSP Phase 40 and Phase 41 grant funds. This application will serve as a renewal grant for on-going services administered by the County for the last 35 years. This grant will provide emergency rental, mortgage, and utility assistance to 3,600 eligible low-income households. The application will request \$400,000 for EFSP Phase 40 and \$400,000 for EFSP Phase 41 to provide these services for the grant period beginning on December 1, 2022 and ending on November 30, 2023.

### **Expected Impact:**

Approval to apply for the EFSP Phase 40 and Phase 41 grant will allow CSD's Office of Social Services to supplement existing funding to continue to assist approximately 3,600 low-income families with rent, mortgage and utility assistance. The application requests \$800,000 total, with \$400,000 being requested for EFSP Phase 40 and \$400,00 being requested for EFSP Phase 41.

### **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

**Location: Harris County**

Address (if applicable): 9418 Jensen Dr., Houston, TX 77093

Precinct(s): Countywide

<b>Fiscal and Personnel Summary</b>			
Service Name	Emergency Financial Assistance		
	<b>SFY 22</b>	<b>FY 23</b>	<b>Next 3 FYs</b>
<b>Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)</b>			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$800,000	\$
<b>Total Incremental Expenditures</b>	\$	<b>\$800,000</b>	\$
<b>Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)</b>			
Existing Budget			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
Grant	\$	\$800,000	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$800,000	\$
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	\$	<b>\$800,000</b>	\$

<b>Personnel</b> (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
<b>Total Personnel</b>	-	-	-

**Anticipated Court Date:** September 13, 2022

**Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):** December 1, 2022

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

**Contact(s) name, title, department:** Donald Hughes, Assistant Director, Planning and Development, CSD

**Attachments** (if applicable): Blank EFSP Application to be completed and submitted on or before due date.