



Board Agenda Item 56

DATE: July 13, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Delfino E. Neira, Director, Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Amendment to Revenue Agreement with California Department of Housing and Community Development

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute Amendment I to Agreement No. 21-012 with the California Department of Housing and Community Development to add round two CARES Act Emergency Solutions Grant funds, effective upon execution by the State, through September 30, 2022, increasing the maximum by \$1,512,000 to a total of \$2,520,100.

There is no additional Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. Approval of the recommended action will allow the Department of Social Services, on behalf of the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC), to receive round two of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV2) funds from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). These funds will support ESG-eligible activities including Rapid Rehousing, Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and Administration. This item is countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

There is no viable alternative action. Should your Board choose not to approve the recommended action, \$1,512,000 to benefit persons experiencing homelessness in the community would be forfeited.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. If approved, the maximum compensation will increase to \$2,520,100. ESG-CV2 funds (\$1,512,000) must be expended by July 30, 2022. There is no match required for these funds. A maximum of \$48,800 in ESG-CV2 funds will be available for administrative costs. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues are included in the Department's Org 5610 FY 2021-22 Recommended Budget and will be included in subsequent budget requests.

DISCUSSION:

On July 7, 2020, your Board adopted Resolution No. 20-249 authorizing the County to serve as the administrative entity for the CARES ESG-CV funds on behalf of the FMCoC. On January 12, 2021, your Board approved revenue Agreement No. 21-012 with HCD for round one of the CARES Act ESG-CV funds. ESG-CV funds administered by HCD are Federal ESG dollars that have been passed down to the states for the prevention, preparation, and response to the coronavirus among individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or receiving homeless assistance in non-entitlement areas. Although

administered by HCD, all Federal regulations pertaining to ESG and ESG-CV apply.

HCD ESG-CV funded activities may serve the entire FMCoC service area but are prioritized for non-entitlement areas within the service area. Non-entitlement areas for FY 2021-22 include Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Huron, Parlier, Orange Cove, San Joaquin, and Madera County. Funds may be used for the following program components: Street Outreach; Emergency Shelter; Rapid Rehousing Assistance; the Homeless Management Information System; and Administrative Activities. Additionally, the maximum spending cap on Emergency Shelter activities, which typically apply to ESG funding, does not apply to funds under the CARES Act. Agreements or amendments resulting from these funds will be brought before your Board for approval, as appropriate.

Approval of the recommended action will add round two funds from HCD to support ESG-eligible activities through September 2022.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #38, January 12, 2021
BAI #50, July 7, 2020

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Amendment I to Agreement No. 21-012 with HCD

CAO ANALYST:

Sonia M. De La Rosa