
***Substantial Amendment #4 to the FY 2020 HUD Action Plan and Budget
(ESG-CV)***

BACKGROUND

On August 8, 2019, through Ordinance 2019-08-08-0598, City Council approved the FY 2020 Action Plan and Budget (Action Plan) for the four federal grant programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). On April 2, 2020 the City of San Antonio (the City) received an award letter for \$3,902,645 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). On June 9, 2020 the City received informal notice for an additional \$12,950,577 in ESG-CV funds. A total of \$16,853,222 is available to the City through the CARES Act for homeless prevention and intervention activities as allowed by the ESG program.

As a federal entitlement municipality, adjusting the adopted action plan budget by 10% or more, requires a substantial amendment process that includes a public notice, a 30-day public comment period and a public hearing prior to any City Council action. However, the CARES Act provides HUD with various flexibilities and authority to issue waivers for grantees to use grant funds for coronavirus response efforts. On May 4, 2020, HUD issued a waiver allowing ESG grantees the immediate ability to omit the citizen participation and consultation requirements for substantial amendments and new consolidated plan submissions for ESG-CV funding. As a result of this waiver, a public comment period and public hearing will not be conducted for public health and emergency response reasons and is applicable for current year funding, CARES Act funding, and next year's entitlement funding. This plan for ESG-CV funding is posted on the City's website in accordance with the requirements under the waiver. Funding will align with the City Council-approved Recovery and Resiliency Plan, which guides the City of San Antonio's response and recovery efforts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

PROPOSED ACTION

To assist vulnerable populations experiencing and at risk of homelessness during COVID-19 and as a result of COVID-19 economic impacts, staff recommends allocation of \$16,853,222 in ESG-CV funding for Homeless Intervention and Prevention Services. This funding is administered by the City of San Antonio Department of Human Services. It should be noted that CARES Act funding will not be deployed until the City receives this funding from HUD.

- ESG-CV funding will be utilized to assist individuals at risk of homelessness and those experiencing homelessness to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and address the economic impacts of the pandemic.
- Rapid Rehousing:
 - The City will utilize **\$6,567,766** of ESG-CV funds to contract with local non-profits to provide Rapid Rehousing services to an estimated 614 households with a combination of short-, medium-, and long-term rental assistance.
- Homeless Prevention:

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- The City will utilize **\$2,000,000** of ESG-CV funds to contract with local non-profits and provide direct services to prevent approximately 1,522 at-risk households from becoming homeless and entering emergency shelter.
- Emergency Shelter:
 - The City will utilize **\$6,824,792** to expand emergency shelter services to provide an estimated 711 individuals with emergency non-congregate shelter to protect high-risk individuals from complications from COVID-19, prevent the spread of COVID-19, and to serve as a bridge to permanent housing placement.
- Street Outreach:
 - The City will utilize **\$1,210,664** to contract with local non-profits and provide direct services to conduct in-person and telephone-based street outreach efforts targeted towards individuals experiencing homelessness. An estimated 5,592 homeless individuals will be served through outreach and connected with housing and shelter options.
- Administration:
 - The City will utilize **\$250,000** to provide general management, oversight, and coordination, including fiscal and contracts reporting on the program.
- Staff has developed program components to ensure an equitable approach to programmatic implementation.