

Legislation Text

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A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending The Previously Adopted Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan To Approve A Special Grant Allocation Of HOME Investment Partnerships Program - American Rescue Plan Funds Made Available To The City To Provide Homelessness Assistance And Supportive Services To Qualifying Populations In The Amount Of \$1,915,134.00, From The United States Department Of Housing And Urban Development.

Quality of Life & Strong Neighborhoods

Staff Recommends: Approval of the attached Resolution.

## Explanation:

On April 28, 2021, The City of Hollywood was allocated one-time allocation funds in the amount of \$1,915,134.00 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocation HOME-ARP funds, as part of the American Rescue Plan.

ARP funds are to be administered through HOME to perform four activities that must primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations.

These activities include acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter, tenant based rental assistance, McKinney-Vento Supportive Services, homelessness prevention services, housing counseling services and HOME-ARP affordable rental housing development.

The City considered the needs of qualifying populations, as well as other funding sources that currently address these needs, combined with feedback and insight from the City's residents, partners and stakeholders, as well as the required capacity of local organizations to carry out approved activities.

Based on extensive research and information provided, staff recommends the full amount of the one-time allocation to be substantially distributed to McKinney-Vento Supportive Services, which include but not limited to child care, education, employment assistance and job training, food, housing search and counseling services, life skills training, mental health services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, rental debts, moving costs, and other eligible services; homelessness prevention services,

and housing counseling services, administration (not to exceed the limit of 15%), non-profit operating (not to exceed the limit of 5%) and non-profit capacity building (not to exceed the limit of 5%).

The City will retain 15% administrative funding to be used toward grant management and all administrative duties associated, including, but not limited to, City personnel costs associated to preparation of the HOME-ARP Plan, agreements, documents, CC agenda items, monitoring, on-site visits, payment processing, annual reporting, HUD monitoring and all other tasks that would contribute to the City administration of the HOME-ARP funding. Additionally, the administrative funding many be used for City Consulting costs to prepare and submit the HOME-ARP Plan, reporting, development of policies and procedures and ensuring compliance with the funding source.

An amendment to the FY 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan is required to receive this allocation along with the submission and HUD approval of a HOME-ARP allocation plan no later than March 31, 2023.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding allocated to the City from the HOME-ARP funds will be budgeted on a future budget amendment following adoption and approval by HUD of the amended Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan is available in the FY 2023.

Recommended for inclusion on the agenda by: Donna Biederman, Community Development Project Manager Shiv Newaldass, Director, Department of Development Services Gus Zambrano, Assistant City Manager for Sustainable Development