



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JANUARY 5, 2021

FROM: OFFICE OF HOMELESS SOLUTIONS WARD: ALL

SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE 2017-2018 AND 2018-2019 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM TO ALLOCATE UNPROGRAMMED FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$816,233.81 TO THE TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – FUND TRANSFER

ISSUE:

Approve an amendment to the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Annual Action Plan for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program to allocate unprogrammed funding in the amount of \$816,233.81 to the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize an amendment to the 2017-2018 and 2018-19 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Annual Action Plan for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program to allocate unprogrammed funding in the amount of \$816,233.81 to the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program; and
2. Authorize a funds transfer in the amount of \$816,233.81 from the HOME Investment Partnerships Unprogrammed Account No. 2835200-453001 to the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program Account No. 2835200-454302.

BACKGROUND:

The City receives an annual allocation of HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program funds which can be used to provide homebuyer or rehabilitation financing assistance to eligible homeowners and new homebuyers; build or rehabilitate housing for rent or ownership including site acquisition or improvement; demolish dilapidated housing to make way for HOME-assisted development; pay costs of relocation expenses; and provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA).

The TBRA Program takes a Housing First approach that rests on the belief that helping people obtain and sustain permanent affordable housing should be the first step in helping individuals

exit life from the street. The TBRA program provides assistance to individual households to help them afford the housing costs of market-rate units. The level of TBRA Program subsidy varies per individual households; the level of subsidy is based upon the income of the household, the particular unit the household selects, and the local rent standard. The City's TBRA Program provides payments to make up the difference between the amounts a household can afford to pay for housing and the local rent standards. TBRA funds may also be used to pay for costs associated with housing, such as security and utility deposits.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed amendment to the 2017-18 and 2018-19 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan will allocate \$816,233.81 of HOME Program funds towards the TBRA Program to provide up to 12 months of rental assistance and cover security and utility deposits for homeless individuals living on the streets or in the City's emergency pallet shelters.

The transfer of these funds to the TBRA Program is consistent with the intended use of the HOME Program funds and will further assist in achieving the goal of reducing homelessness in the City by providing temporary affordable housing coupled with case management to assist clients with achieving housing stability and self-sufficiency.

A public notice was issued announcing the proposed amendment to the HUD Annual Action Plan and a 30-day public comment period was provided in compliance with HUD regulations. The original notice was published in the Press Enterprise on Friday, December 4, 2020 and included the date this action would be considered by the City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding in the amount of \$816,233.81 is available in the HOME Investment Partnership Fund (Fund 221), Unprogrammed Funds Account No. 2835200-453001.

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