



Memorandum

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TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
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TITLE:

Approval of Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus Third Round Funding Allocations

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Staff is seeking approval of the Human Services Commission's recommendation for disbursement of \$392,857 for the third round of Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus funds (CDBG-CV3).

☐ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☐ **Receive Information** ☐ **Provide Direction** ☒ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
King County Consortium Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan
- **Required:**
Community Development Block Grant Program Joint Interlocal Agreement
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
CDBG-CV3
HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) posted the third-round allocations of Community Development Block Grant- Coronavirus funds (CDBG-CV3) approved by Congress as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stability (CARES) Act. Redmond will receive \$392,857 in the allocation. Eligible activities

must be consistent with the King County Action Plan and may include mental health services, food distribution, homeless programs, legal services, tenant/landlord counseling, planning and general program administration.

On April 12, 2021, the Human Services Commission recommended allocation of the funds as outlined in **Attachment A**.

Request for Proposals: A request for proposals for legal services, to prevent eviction and homelessness, was previously identified as a strategy for the disbursement of CDBG-CV3 funds. The request for proposals was presented as part of the recommended allocation of Human Services funding approved by City Council as part of the biennial budget.

OUTCOMES:

The City will benefit from the services provided through these funds with increased mental health services for children and youth, supplemental food for seniors, emergency shelter for single women experiencing homelessness, and services supporting housing stability and the prevention of homelessness. These services are for the prevention, preparation, and response to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
The required five-day notice for public comment was posted in the Seattle Times on April 1, 2021.
Opportunity for in-person public comment was held at the Human Services Commission meeting on April 12, 2021.
Opportunity for written public comment was given from April 1 through April 12, 2021.
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
Written public notice was published in the Seattle Times.
Potential grantees were notified via email.
- **Feedback Summary:**
No public comment was received.

BUDGET IMPACT:

One-time CDBG-CV funding allocations are provided by the federal government in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Funding for staff time and resources to administer the funds are included in this amount.

Total Cost:

CDBG-CV3

\$392,857 one-time federal funding in response to the coronavirus pandemic, not in budget.

Approved in current biennial budget:

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ N/A

Budget Offer Number:

N/A

Budget Priority:

Vibrant and Connected

Other budget impacts or additional costs: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus

Budget/Funding Constraints:

Funds are restricted to eligible activities identified in the legislation approved by Congress.

☒ Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
5/4/2021	Committee of the Whole - Parks and Human Services	Provide Direction

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

Time Constraints:

Eighty percent of these funds must be expended by September 30, 2023. The balance must be expended by September 30, 2026.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

If not approved, staff would need to propose a new disbursement plan and publish a 5-day public notice inviting public comment. The Human Services Commission would again review the subsequent plan and public comments, formulate a second recommendation, and submit the recommendations for a review and approval by City Council. Alternatively, the City could return the funds to the County for use by the entire CDBG Consortium.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Proposed Use of Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus Third Round Allocation (CDBG-CV3)