



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 Grants-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Funding

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Staff is seeking approval of the Human Services Commission's recommendation for disbursement of \$95,583 in the second round of Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus funds (CDBG-CV2), and \$100,000 in the third round of CDBG-CV3 funds. The total recommended disbursement is \$195,583.

☒ **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-CV2

On April 15, 2021, the King County Consortium Joint Recommendations Committee (JRC) approved the distribution of Round 2 Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus funds (CDBG-CV2) to eligible cities. Redmond was allocated \$95,583.

The Joint Recommendations Committee (JRC) is an inter-jurisdictional body that provides funding recommendations and advice on guidelines and procedures for King County and its consortia city partners. The JRC was established through the 2009-2011 CDBG Consortium Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and through King County Code 24.13.

On May 18, City Council approved the utilization of these funds for the purpose of behavioral health services and food security.

CDBG-CV3

Through the passage of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stability (CARES) Act, eligible jurisdictions received an additional allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds (Round 3). Redmond was allocated \$392,857. Eligible activities are required to be consistent with the King County Consortium's Action Plan and may include services that support housing stability, food security, and behavioral health.

On May 18, 2021, Council approved the recommended allocation of funds as presented by staff. This included a \$100,000 set aside to solicit proposals for services needed in response to the lifting of the eviction moratorium.

A Request for Proposals, to allocate the total \$195,583 from these two CDBG funding sources, was issued for legal services (support for housing stability), food insecurity, and behavioral health. Thirteen proposals were received by the June 7 deadline and reviewed by the Human Services Commission at its June 14 meeting. The Human Services Commission is recommending distribution of the funds as shown in Attachment A to this memo.

OUTCOMES:

Residents will have increased access to legal services, food, and behavioral health services. 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 June 17, 2021. Opportunity for public comment was held at a public meeting on June 22, 2021.

Opportunity for written comment was given from June 17 through June 22, 2021.

- **Outreach Methods and Results:**

Written public notice was published in the Seattle Times.

Potential grantees were notified via email.

- **Feedback Summary:**

Public comment period closed on June 22, 2021. No comments were received.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

CDBG-CV2

\$95,583 one-time federal funding in response to the coronavirus pandemic. The entirety of these funds will be allocated to services.

CDBG-CV3

\$392,857 one-time federal funding in response to the coronavirus pandemic. \$292,857 was approved for distribution by Council on May 18, 2021. The remaining \$100,000 is now proposed for allocation to address the response to lifting of the eviction moratorium as directed by Council in May.

Approved in current biennial budget: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Budget Offer Number:
000248

Budget Priority:
Vibrant and Connected

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

If yes, explain:

Administering CDBG contracts requires additional oversight to comply with federal regulations.

Funding source(s):

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

Budget/Funding Constraints:

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

☒ 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
5/18/2021	Business Meeting	Approve
7/6/2021	Committee of the Whole - Parks and Human Services	Provide Direction

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
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Time Constraints:

Staff expects to notify the County of final funding decisions in July and to initiate contracts by early August.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

Should Council decline to approve the funding allocation plan, the City would need to propose a new set of uses and begin the process again starting with the 15 day public notice, public comment period, internal committee review, presentation to Parks and Human Services Committee, 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: CDBG-CV Funding Recommendations