

RESOLUTION 2021-028
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROVING THE PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS THAT WILL RECEIVE COVID-19
RESPONSE AND RECOVERY FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Program is an ongoing grant administration program funded by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”); and

WHEREAS, the City has received CDBG Program funds since 1975; and

WHEREAS, On March 27, 2020, the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) was signed in to law, making available \$5 billion in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (“CDBG-CV”) funds; and

WHEREAS, of this amount, HUD immediately allocated \$2 billion based on the fiscal year 2020 CDBG formula, and on April 2, 2020, HUD notified the City it would receive a CARES Act allocation of \$649,203, which amount the City Council appropriated on May 19, 2020, through adoption of Ordinance No. 065, 2020, and allocated to eligible public service projects pursuant to Resolution No. 2020-054 on June 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2020, HUD notified the City it would receive an additional CARES Act allocation of \$760,023, which amount the City council appropriated on February 16, 2021, through adoption of Ordinance No. 024, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2020, the City Manager signed Emergency Rules and Regulations No. 2020-16 allowing City staff to develop an internal team to prioritize recommendations for use of these funds, which was subsequently confirmed by the City Council on May 19, 2020, by adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 073, 2020; and

WHEREAS, for this round of funding, the City team developed four categories eligible for funding:

1. Services in direct response to COVID-19 that mitigate the economic impact of the pandemic to Low-to Moderate-Income (LMI) residents and prevent them from becoming homeless as a result of the virus;
2. Services that support at-home sheltering for at-risk persons and vulnerable populations;
3. Emergency shelter and supports for persons experiencing homelessness (PEH); and
4. Childcare (including elementary remote learning services) that benefit Low-to Moderate-Income (LMI) residents; and

WHEREAS, City staff then deployed a federal COVID Response Fund application soliciting requests from eligible non-profits; and

WHEREAS, all applications were reviewed and scored by the internal team with eligible applications further prioritized in the following order:

1. Funding needed to ensure continuation of existing COVID response programs, particularly those that either prevent homelessness or protect persons experiencing homelessness;
2. Increased costs of existing services to protect vulnerable populations and prevent the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the internal team presented its recommendations to the CDBG Commission, which recommended the following proposed distribution of priority 1 and priority 2 funding at its regular meeting on February 10, 2021:

Priority 1: Existing COVID Response Program	Amount Requested	Funding Recommendation
City of Fort Collins - Emergency Shelter Programs	\$196,080	\$190,080
Homeward Alliance - COVID Isolation, Quarantine and Recovery Site & Inclement Weather Shelter	\$54,750	\$54,750
Neighbor to Neighbor - Emergency Rent Assistance	\$400,000	\$400,000
Total	\$650,830	\$650,830

Priority 2: Increase Costs to Protect Vulnerable Populations	Amount Requested	Funding Recommendation
Catholic Charities - The Mission Shelter Costs	\$125,000	\$60,297
Family Housing Network: Day Center Operations Costs - COVID safe	\$23,896	\$23,896
Meals on Wheels - Meal Deliver Programs	\$25,000	\$25,000
Total	\$173,896	\$109,193

and

WHEREAS, these recommendations were published on the Social Sustainability page of the City's website and via Public Notice in the Coloradoan on February 19, 2021, per the HUD required minimum public review period for emergency funding as outlined in the Council-approved Citizen Participation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered these recommendations and has determined that the City's CDBG-CV allocation should be used to fund the projects and programs set forth above.

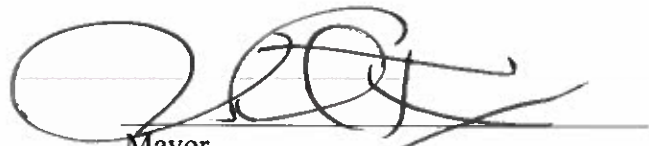
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That City staff is hereby authorized to use the City's CDBG-CV funding allocation to fund the programs and projects described in this Resolution.

Section 3. That, subject to the appropriation of funds by the City Council, the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute any agreements or amendments to existing agreements necessary to implement the funding allocations described herein on terms and conditions consistent with this Resolution, along with such additional terms and conditions as the City Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney, deems necessary or appropriate to protect the interests of the City.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 2nd day of March, A.D. 2021.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

