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CITY COUNCIL

A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE FIVE-YEAR 2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND ANNUAL ACTION PLANS (2019-2020, 2020-2021) RELATED TO THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT ESG-CV FUNDS AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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Recommendation that Council:

- Make a finding of exemption from CEQA;
- Approve the submission of a Substantial Amendment to the Five-Year Consolidated Plan (2020-2024) and the Annual Action Plans (2020-2021) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funding made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act); and
- Approve the submission of Substantial Amendments to the Annual Action Plans (2019-2020, 2020-2021) to HUD to increase the administration funding cap under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) as consistent with current HUD policy.

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PASADENA'S COVID-19 RESPONSE MEASURES FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

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Hygiene and Sanitation

- **Handwashing stations**
 - ✓ 9 total placed in the community
- **Hygiene kits**
 - ✓ 600 assembled, 450 distributed to providers
- **Mobile showers**
 - ✓ 1,153 total showers provided as of 10/18/20

Non-Congregate Shelter

- **57 total people served**
 - ✓ 22 people matched to a permanent housing resource
 - ✓ 8 people permanently housed

Support to Homeless Service Providers

- **Limit the spread of the virus at local emergency shelters and permanent supportive housing facilities**
 - ✓ PPE and cleaning support
 - ✓ Testing support for Centennial Place
 - ✓ Other associated supplies as needed

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BACKGROUND

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- Required submissions as an entitlement jurisdiction that receives federal funding annually from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):
 - > **1. Consolidated Plan**

A comprehensive planning document that examines housing needs and establishes funding priorities over the next five-year period.
 - > **2. Annual Action Plan**

Details specific activities the City will take annually to address the goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan.
- Five-Year Consolidated Plan (2020-2024) and the Annual Action Plan (2020-2021) was approved by City Council on July 20, 2020.



CARES ACT FUNDING

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- As part of the CARES Act passed by the U.S. Congress and signed into law on March 27, 2020, HUD has allocated additional entitlement funds to the City of Pasadena to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19).
- All ESG-CV funds awarded through the first and second allocations must be fully expended for eligible activities by September 30, 2022.

Round 1

Awarded April 2, 2020

- Total allocation: \$608,269
- Uses: Non-congregate shelter program
- Approved by Council on May 4, 2020.

Round 2

Awarded June 9, 2020

- Total allocation: \$3,372,793
- Substantial amendments to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020-2021 Action Plan are required to receive funding

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USES OF ESG-CV FUNDS

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- The Substantial Amendment will program \$3,372,793 in ESG-CV funds to provide services and investments to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

ESG-CV Budget by Activity		
Activity	Budget	% of Allocation
Street Outreach	\$125,000	4%
Homelessness Prevention	\$500,000	15%
Emergency Shelter	\$1,000,000	29%
Rapid Rehousing	\$1,410,514	42%
Administration	\$337,279	10%
Total	\$3,372,793	100%

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ESG-CV FUNDING ALLOCATIONS AND GOALS

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ESG-CV Admin

\$337,279

- Administration of the ESG-CV funds provided by the CARES Act.

Street Outreach

\$125,000

- **20 persons assisted**
- Connections to housing navigation and supportive services for homeless households living on properties of religious institutions

Homelessness Prevention

\$500,000

- **60 persons assisted**
- Financial assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services for households at-risk of homelessness.

Rapid Rehousing

\$1,410,514

- **45 households assisted**
- Case management, rental assistance, and housing relocation and stabilization services to homeless households.

Emergency Shelter

\$1,000,000

- **40 persons assisted**
- Emergency shelter (i.e. motel vouchers or support for existing shelters) to protect homeless individuals from COVID-19.



ESG-CV WAIVERS AND ALTERNATIVE REQUIREMENTS

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- Waivers and alternative requirements granted related to the use of ESG-CV funds:
 1. Administrative cost cap increased from 7.5 to 10%
 2. Income limit for people at-risk of homelessness increased from 30 to 50 percent Area Median Income (AMI)
 3. Exemption from match requirements
 4. Funding is not subject to Continuum of Care (CoC) consultation and citizen participation requirements
 5. Grant recipients are able to deviate from applicable procurement standards
 6. Supportive services are not required to receive assistance



HOME ADMINISTRATION FUNDING CAP

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- In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, HUD announced the availability of certain waivers to HOME program regulations, including increasing the 10% administration cap to 25%.
 - > Applicable to HOME Program Years 2019 and 2020 (City Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021).
 - > Additional HOME funds for administration and planning costs will offset the use of General Funds in the Department's budget.

HOME FY	10% Admin Cap	25% Admin Cap	Funding Increase
<u>FY 2020</u> \$764,874 annual allocation \$153,219 program income	\$91,809	\$229,523	\$137,714
<u>FY 2021</u> \$834,537 annual allocation \$153,219 program income	\$98,775	\$246,939	\$148,164
Total	\$190,584	\$476,462	\$285,878