



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

DATE: May 22, 2018

TO: Eric R. DeLong, Interim City Manager

COMMITTEE: Committee of the Whole

LIAISON: Eric R. DeLong, Interim City Manager

FROM: Connie M. Bohatch, Managing Director of Community Services
Community Development Department

SUBJECT: **Resolution approving Emergency Solutions Grants program
funding awards**

Attached is a resolution approving local awards for use of the FFY 2018 Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program, and authorizing execution of contractual agreements with award recipients. The resolution also allows submission of the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Planned use of ESG funds is outlined in the Annual Action Plan, which identifies each project and respective outcomes to be achieved from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. This represents the third year of the FFY 2016 – FFY 2020 Regional Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan. The draft FY 2019 Annual Action Plan was released on March 23, 2018 for public input during a 30-day comment period that concluded April 23, 2018. A public hearing was held before the City Commission on April 10, 2018. No comments were received related to the use of ESG funds.

Final federal award levels had not been released at the time funding recommendations were presented to the City Commission on March 27, 2018. The recommendations were based on last year's ESG award level. HUD recently announced the City's ESG award of \$309,795, which is \$403 less than anticipated. As a result, minor adjustment has been made to funding levels for City Administration and The Salvation Army Housing Assessment Program.

YOUR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE recommends adoption of the following resolution authorizing FFY 2018 Emergency Solutions Grants funding awards and the submission of agreement documents as necessary to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

RESOLVED:


1. That \$309,795 of Emergency Solutions Grants be awarded to the following organizations in an amount not exceed the following funding levels:

City of Grand Rapids Community Development Department ESG Administration	\$23,235
The Salvation Army Social Services Rapid Re-housing and Homelessness Prevention (Housing Assessment Program \$60,660; Financial Assistance Fund \$225,900)	\$286,560
Total Funding	\$309,795

2. That the City Manager is designated as the City's Authorized Official for the federal program contained herein.

3. That contractual agreements with the preceding organizations, in an amount not exceed those stated above are approved; and the Mayor is authorized to execute said contractual agreements, sub agreements, and other necessary documents; approve extensions to periods of performance and nonsubstantial project amendments; and to accept other documents related to the above noted projects in a form approved by the City Attorney.

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DEPARTMENT OF LAW