



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Human Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Melody Woosley

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

FY 2024 HUD Action Plan Fourth Amendment – Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

**SUMMARY:**

This item provides a public hearing and requests approval of the fourth amendment to the FY 2024 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Action Plan related to the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The City of San Antonio receives four federal entitlement grants awarded through HUD: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), HOPWA, and ESG. As a recipient of federal entitlement funds, HUD requires the City to develop an annual Action Plan and Budget, which details how grant funds will address the goals and priorities described in the five-year Consolidated Plan.

Development of the Consolidated Plan involves collecting and analyzing local economic data and engaging in an extensive community input process to identify priority needs and related

goals. City Council approved the FY 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan on August 12, 2021.

On August 3, 2023, City Council adopted the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan, the third-year plan under the adopted Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Plan commits funding to programs and projects that address the community needs detailed in the Consolidated Plan. Development of the Action Plan involves community engagement and analysis of past performance.

For this fourth amendment to the City's adopted FY 2024 Annual Action Plan and Budget, the City of San Antonio initiated a 30-day public comment period on May 19, 2024, through June 20, 2024.

This item also provides the HUD required comment period and public hearing for the fourth Substantial Amendment to the City's adopted FY 2024 (PY 2023) Annual Action Plan and Budget to reprogram and allocate HOPWA and ESG funds. Through this amendment, the City is also recategorizing activities that use HOPWA and ESG funds to better align with best practices and tie more clearly to grant guidelines.

#### **ISSUE:**

The Department of Human Services serves as the administrator of the two federal grants from HUD, HOPWA and ESG.

DHS proposes the fourth substantial amendment to the PY2023/FY2024 City of San Antonio Action Plan incorporating the following changes:

- The allocation of \$50,000 in unexpended PY22/FY23 ESG funding and \$118,155 in unexpended PY22/FY23 HOPWA funding.
- The reprogramming of funds to align with new project names and revised activity budgets, as shown below:

| <b>FY 2024 HOPWA</b>                                | <b>Action Plan</b> | <b>Revised Plan</b> | <b>Reprogram</b> |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Housing Information Services                        | 274,063            | 105,990             | (168,073)        |
| Tenant-Based Rental Assistance                      | 1,194,814          | 1,296,233           | 101,419          |
| Supportive Services                                 | 1,108,570          | 750,743             | (357,827)        |
| Short-Term Transitional Facility Based Housing      | 415,946            | 466,027             | 50,081           |
| Short-Term Rental, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance | -                  | 374,400             | 374,400          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$2,993,393</b> | <b>\$2,993,393</b>  | <b>-</b>         |

| <b>FY 2024 ESG</b> | <b>Action Plan</b> | <b>Revised Plan</b> | <b>Reprogram</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Rapid Rehousing    | 431,297            | 505,940             | 74,643           |
| Emergency Shelter  | 442,611            | 367,968             | (74,643)         |
| Administration     | 45,015             | 45,015              | -                |
| Outreach           | 210,301            | 210,301             | -                |

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| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$1,129,224</b> | <b>\$1,129,224</b> | <b>-</b> |
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**ALTERNATIVES:**

If this item amendment is not approved, the impact would be fewer services available to address the housing needs of those living with HIV/AIDS and those experiencing homelessness. Additionally, unused federal funds may be subject to recapture by HUD.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund in the form of a cash match.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.