



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Department of Human Services

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Amend Contracts and Reallocate the Emergency Solutions Grant-Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Funding for Corazon Ministries and Catholic Charities

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes budgetary, grant, and contract-related actions regarding Emergency Solutions Grant funding authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding (referred to as ESG-CV), including:

Authorization to amend contracts and allocate unspent ESG-CV funds for the following:

- Amending the contract with Corazon Ministries to increase funding for Homeless Street Outreach by \$339,309 increasing the total amount from \$204,161 to \$543,470
- Amending the contract with Catholic Charities to increase funding for homeless prevention by \$100,000 increasing the total amount from \$407,846 to \$507,846

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 2020 the City of San Antonio received \$16,853,222 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The funding (referred to as ESG-CV) was allocated to cities and other local governments to assist in

preventing, preparing for, and responding to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

As part of the City's COVID-19 Recovery and Resiliency plan, DHS allocated ESG-CV funds in the amounts of \$815,692 for homeless prevention and \$2,745,012 for street outreach. Homeless prevention activities include rental assistance with case management to prevent at-risk households from experiencing homelessness, entering emergency shelters, or sleeping on the streets. Street outreach activities include direct services to individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness to connect them with housing and shelter options. In April 2022, HUD approved an extension for communities to spend ESG-CV dollars through September 2023. DHS has identified \$439,309 in ESG-CV funds that will not be spent as initially allocated. This ordinance would allocate those funds, through contract amendments, to eligible activities to ensure the funds are spent by the appropriate deadline.

ISSUE:

As part of the FY 2023 budget, \$107,343 in general funds were allocated to Corazon Ministries to continue operations of a day center for homeless individuals to receive direct services and meals and for street outreach activities. Of that allocation, \$57,303 was intended for the street outreach activities in particular. This ordinance would amend their contract and authorize \$339,309 in unspent ESG-CV funds to complement general funding allocations to Corazon Ministries for these programs.

This action would also amend the contract and allocate ESG-CV funds of \$100,000 to Catholic Charities to continue homeless prevention activities. This ordinance extends existing contract terms with Corazon Ministries and Catholic Charities to September 30, 2023.

ALTERNATIVES:

If City Council does not approve, the funds would remain unallocated. Not spending the funding by the end of FY 2023 could result in HUD recapturing funding and allocating it to other communities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance amends contracts and approves unspent ESG-CV funds to be allocated in the amounts of \$339,309 to Corazon Ministries increasing the total program budget from \$204,161 to \$543,470 for homeless street outreach, and an increase of \$100,000 to Catholic Charities increasing the total budget from \$407,846 to \$507,846 for homeless prevention for a period ending September 30, 2023. There is no General Fund match required for this grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council authorize the amendment of contracts and allocation of unspent funds of ESG-CV in the amounts of \$339,309 to Corazon Ministries for homeless street outreach and \$100,000 to Catholic Charities for homeless prevention for a period ending September 30, 2023.