



Legislation Text

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Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Community Development

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All

Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Program Funds, to include Funding allocations for CDBG-CV1 and CV3 of \$6.8 million; ESG-CV1 and CV3 of \$5.4 million in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic for a total of \$12.2 million.

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PURPOSE:

To consider approving and authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute the HUD Funding /Approval Agreements of \$6.8 million in CDBG-CV funds and \$5.4 million in ESG-CV funds. These funds must be used for HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG-CV) eligible activities and meet one of the HUD national objectives to benefit to low- and moderate-income persons, and to prevent, prepare, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

NEED/IMPACT:

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic Congress appropriated funding through the Department of Housing and Urban Development to DeKalb County to prevent, prepare and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds must be used for HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG-CV). To receive the HUD CARES Act funding, HUD requires that the County amend the 2019 or 2020 Annual Action Plan for HUD funds to include the CDBG-CV and ESG-CV projects that meet the HUD eligibility guidelines.

The strategy to allocate the CDBG-CV funding is to fund eligible activities including building and improvements; provisions of new or quantifiably increased public services such as housing assistance, food and emergency assistance; assistance to businesses, including special economic development assistance through a small business loan program. CDBG-CV will also be used to aid with virtual education needs, legal services, health services and PPEs. ESG-CV funds were granted to enable the County to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus among individuals who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance and to support additional homelessness assistance and homelessness prevention activities. The County will use funds to provide eligible services that include the following activities: Rapid Re-housing, Prevention, Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Data Collection, Administration, and all additional, eligible ESG-CV activities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The following amounts are reflected in the Congressional allocation for DeKalb County:

CDBG-CV 1 st Allocation (\$3,094,658); 2 nd Allocation (\$3,738,974)	\$6,833,632
ESG-CV 1 st Allocation (\$1,593,790); 2 nd Allocation (\$3,818,632)	<u>\$5,412,468</u>
DeKalb County CV Total Funding Allocation	\$12,246,100

RECOMMENDATION:

To Approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents related to HUD Funding Agreements; CDBG-CV1 and CV3 totaling \$6,833,632; ESG CV1 and CV3 totaling \$5,412,468. The funds will be used for HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV1 and CV3) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG-CV1 and CV3) eligible activities and meet one of the HUD National Objectives to benefit low- and moderate-income persons, and to prevent, prepare, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, based on the need to be responsive to the dynamic Community Needs during the COVID-19 pandemic, authorize the Community Development Director, post approval from the Chief Operating Officer, the ability to reprogram Grant Fund initiatives between CDBG CV1- CV3 and ESG CV1- CV3; additionally, authorize the Community Development Director, post approval from the Chief Operating Officer, the ability to reallocate specific budget categories within each Grant Fund.