## City of Long Beach



## **Legislation Text**

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and all necessary documents and any subsequent amendments including any amendments to the award amount, for the

FY 20 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Allocation, in the amount of \$535,591 to fund two projects, outreach, and administrative support, for a one-year period from October 1, 2020 through

September 30, 2021, with the option to extend the agreement for an additional one-year period, at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) is a formula allocation from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as part of the City Consolidated Plan, which is managed by the Development Services Department's Neighborhood Services Bureau. The Long Beach Health and Human Services Department (Health Department), Homeless Services Division, implements ESG as a component of the Consolidated Plan, and the HOME move-in deposit assistance program, as leveraged resources to the Continuum of Care (CoC) system.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) for shelter and prevention components of ESG, is conducted every two years to select nonprofit agencies for the projects that are annually funded, contingent upon HUD funding. As the lead entity for the local homeless CoC, the Health Department released an RFP on June 8, 2020. The proposal review process was conducted by an Ad Hoc Proposal Review Committee comprised of three Homeless Services Advisory Committee members, and the following two projects were selected:

- Volunteers of America Los Angeles, Emergency Shelter Program
- Interval House, Homelessness Prevention Program

The total FY 20 ESG allocation from HUD is \$535,591 for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Total funding for the nonprofit agencies recommended for the ESG program is \$221,355 for Volunteers of America Los Angeles to provide emergency shelter for people experiencing homeless and \$174,067 for Interval House to provide homeless prevention services for a combined total amount of \$395,422. An additional \$40,169 of funding is eligible for administrative support for Health Department staff to manage the ESG program, as well as \$100,000 for Street Outreach (Attachment A).

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Taylor M. Anderson on August 13, 2020 and by Budget Analysis Officer Julissa José-Murray on August 14, 2020.

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City Council action is requested on September 1, 2020, to continue to provide these services without interruption.

The City will receive funding in the amount of \$535,591 for a one-year period from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Sufficient funds are currently budgeted in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department, offset by grant revenue. A Citymatch of \$104,169 is required, and is budgeted in the General Fund Group and the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities.

Approve recommendation.

KELLY COLOPY DIRECTOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:

THOMAS B. MODICA CITY MANAGER