



Community Development Department

DATE: July 7, 2021
FROM: Ben Ehreth, AICP, Community Development Director
ITEM: Request to Reallocate CDBG-CV Funds Originally Allocated for the COVID-19 Emergency Shelter

REQUEST:

Request reallocation of \$214,804 of Community Development Block Grant funds associated with COVID-19 relief (CDBG-CV) originally allocated for the operation of the COVID-19 Emergency Shelter.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Bismarck received a total of \$557,255 in CDBG-CV funds. In order to qualify for receipt of this funding a prospective project had to meet CDBG eligibility requirements, as well as, be associated with efforts addressing a response to COVID-19. A total of \$214,804 dollars were awarded to the City of Bismarck, in January 2021, to support the COVID-19 Emergency Shelter for homeless individuals. On May 11, 2021 the Bismarck City Commission supported an option to end the COVID-19 Emergency Shelter contracts and operation and allow a shelter management service provider to take over those roles on an as needed basis. Given there were more needs requested than could be funded through the original solicitation of these funds and there is a three-year time limit to expend the funds, City staff recommends reallocation of the subject funding to support other eligible projects in the community.

Pending authorization from the City Commission, an advisory committee will meet to recommend an appropriate project(s) for reallocation of the subject funding. The City Commission will consider which project(s) will receive the reallocated funding, based on the recommendations from an advisory committee, at a future City Commission action associated with the adoption of an amendment to the 2019 Annual Action plan

RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION:

Consider the request and allow for the reallocation of \$214,804 of CDBG-CV funds originally awarded for the operation of the COVID-19 Emergency Shelter to be reallocated for another eligible project(s).

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