

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2021-0152

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor

**Date of Introduction:** March 9, 2021

**Committee(s) of Reference:** F, NCSPHS, R

**Date of Analysis:** March 9, 2021

**Type of Action:** Appropriation of funds; invoking Ord. Code exception; providing oversight; requesting emergency passage upon introduction

**Bill Summary:** The bill appropriates funds in the sum \$5,825,311.00 to provide aid and assistance to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19 by mitigating its impact on eligible low- and moderate-income individuals and families or those who live in areas designated as low- and moderate-income. The transfer of these funds is as follows:

**From:**

**Subfund Title:** Community Development  
**Activity Title:** 20/21 CDBG-CD 3 Admin.  
**Line Item:** Contributions from HUD  
**Amount:** \$110,196.28

**To:**

**Subfund Title:** Community Development  
**Activity Title:** 20/21 CDBG-CD 3 Admin.  
**Line Item:** (14 Line Items of Admin Expenses)  
**Total Amount:** \$175,311.00

**Subfund Title:** Community Development  
**Activity Title:** 20/21 CDBG-CD 3 Subrecipient  
**Line Item:** Misc. Grants and Awards  
**Total Amount:** \$5,650,000.00

The bill invokes the exception to Sec. 126.107(g), Ord. Code. to procure the use of the professional services of Downtown Vision, Inc. to provide Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus assistance services through its Life Builders Ambassador Program. Oversight for the project will be provided by The Housing and Community Development Division of the Neighborhoods Department. Emergency passage of this legislation is requested upon introduction. The nature of the emergency is that the negative economic impacts of COVID-19 are ongoing and immediate economic assistance is needed to ensure eligible individuals and families can retain their homes.

**Background Information:** The CDBG-CV Funds may be used for short term (up to 6 months) mortgage and rental payment assistance, homeless services, public service grants, economic development projects, and public facility improvements that meet a HUD-defined national objective. These funds may also be used to cover or reimburse allowable costs incurred by the City before the award of funding from HUD, including allowable costs incurred prior to the signing of the CARES Act. Downtown Vision, Inc. will comply with all CARES Act grant requirements in providing the CDBG-CV Services described in this ordinance, and all other requirements provided by law including, but not limited to, the audit requirements attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

**Policy Impact Area:** Public health and safety

**Fiscal Impact:** The funds may be used to cover or reimburse allowable costs incurred by a locality before the award of funding to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19. Up to 20% of funds may be used for administrative costs.

**Analyst:** Baltiero