

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2022-366

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

Date of Introduction: May 10, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: May 10, 2022

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$560,440 in annual grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. The City is required to match ESG funds with an equal amount of cash and/or non-cash contributions which may include donated buildings, materials, and volunteer services, and this match requirement is met through programs and funding provided by the Social Services Division of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department. All ESG funds must be expended within 24 months after HUD signs the grant agreement.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide funding for services and activities aimed at addressing homelessness and that meet ESG program goals and objectives. The ESG program includes activities and services that: i) engage homeless individuals and families living on the street; ii) improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; iii) help operate these shelters; iv) provide essential services to shelter residents; v) rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families; and vi) prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless. A portion of the ESG funds will be used for costs associated with the Housing and Community Development Division's administration of the program. Service providers include JASMYN, Sulzbacher Center, Ability Housing, Catholic Charities and Changing Homelessness.

Policy Impact Area: Emergency Solutions Grant program

Fiscal Impact: \$560,440 as initiated by B.T. 23-003

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