

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2

**SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND
EVALUATION REPORT FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS; AND A
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND THE
EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS
THERE TO FROM THE 2021-2022 FUNDING YEAR OF THE STATE
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM, CONTINUUM OF CARE
ALLOCATION NOTICES OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego (County), as a recipient of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement program funding, is required to prepare a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) summarizing the Fiscal Year 2020-21 accomplishments. During Fiscal Year 2020-21, the Health and Human Services Agency, Housing and Community Development Services (HCDS) administered a wide variety of housing and community development activities utilizing funds from the four federal entitlement programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). The County also administers funding provided by the State of California through the State Emergency Solutions Grant (State ESG) program. The activities, as described in the CAPER, predominately benefited lower-income residents.

To provide an opportunity for public input, HUD requires a public comment period and a public hearing to be held before the CAPER is submitted. This hearing provides an opportunity for the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) to receive public comment on the Fiscal Year 2020-21 CAPER. The CAPER has also been posted on the HCDS website at www.sdhcd.org and made available at the HCDS office for public comment since August 27, 2021. The public comment period ends on September 14, 2021.

Today's action also seeks to obtain an authorizing resolution for authority to apply for, accept, and administer State ESG funds. State ESG supplements the federal ESG program and provides funding for emergency shelter and rapid re-housing programs, which serve persons who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The County is estimated to receive an allocation of approximately \$500,000 in ESG funds from the State of California. Today's action supports the County's *Live Well San Diego* vision by increasing quality of life for low-income residents and providing assistance to vulnerable populations within San Diego County.

Today's action also supports the Board's Framework for Our Future by targeting key priorities through investing in historically disadvantaged communities through creating parks and green spaces. The CAPER serves as a public record of activities and accomplishments undertaken over the past year and consequently supports the Board's movement towards further government transparency.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Hold this public hearing to receive public comment on the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).
2. Adopt a Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FROM THE 2021-2022 FUNDING YEAR OF THE STATE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM, CONTINUUM OF CARE ALLOCATION NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY.
3. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency or designee, to apply for State of California ESG grant funds of up to \$500,000 and to execute any agreements, certifications, amendments, or any other documents necessary to accept and implement the State ESG grant.
4. In accordance with Section 401 et seq. of the County Administrative Code and where determined appropriate, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue competitive solicitations for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 State ESG grant funds, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for a term of one (1) year with a six (6) month option, and, if needed, to amend contracts as required to reflect changes to services and funding or services requirements, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and the State of California Emergency Solutions Grant (State ESG) programs were established to meet community development, housing, and public service needs of low-income households and certain limited clientele groups. These limited clientele groups include persons experiencing homelessness, domestic violence survivors, abused or neglected children, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development entitlement programs support the San Diego County Board of Supervisors' Framework for Our Future by prioritizing the needs of these vulnerable communities.

As an entitlement grantee, Housing and Community Development Services (HCDS) holds community forums in eligible jurisdictions to ensure all the voices in that community, including low-income and historically underrepresented residents, can express their community's needs. Robust community engagement is held every five (5) years for the development of the Consolidated Plan, as well as annual community forums to update the community and receive feedback on HUD entitlement programs. Forums for the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan were held throughout the San Diego County unincorporated area, including Borrego Springs, Campo, Fallbrook, Julian, and Lincoln Acres, as well as in central San Diego. The input gathered from the community forums guide the County of San Diego (County) on how best to utilize its entitlement funds equitably. All projects incorporated into the HCDS Annual Plan and CAPER are aligned to key Consolidated Plan goals prioritizing affordable housing, homelessness, community infrastructure, and housing for individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

Data collected during the development of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan found that approximately 61% of low-income households in the County's jurisdiction is housing-cost burdened and nearly 40% of all households experience some form of housing problem, such as overcrowding or nonfunctional utilities. Community forums and surveys revealed that residents see the rehabilitation or preservation of

existing affordable units and the construction of new affordable units to be the highest need. Additionally, data found that the region's special needs populations are particularly vulnerable to housing instability. Approximately 25% of the region's population with a disability lives under 125% of the federal poverty line and housing was the top concern for the region's more than 7,500 transition-aged youth. Lastly, the community strongly prioritized community infrastructure, with a particular interest in street and sidewalk improvements and urban greening.

Accomplishments outlined in the Fiscal Year 2020-21 CAPER have narrowed the gap in services and housing for these populations. Today's action ensures compliance with federal reporting requirements that allows the County to continue utilizing more than \$11.7 million annually for historically vulnerable populations.

FISCAL IMPACT

Recommendation #1 (Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER))

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

Recommendations #2, #3 and #4 (Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG))

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). If awarded and approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$500,000 in Fiscal Year 2021-22. The funding source is State ESG funds. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

This item was continued to the Board of Supervisors session on September 15, 2021.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter

