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Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND

CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Jacky Morales-Ferrand

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW **DATE:** May 2, 2022

Approved Date 05/02/22

SUBJECT: FIFTH SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE USE OF FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

SUPPLEMENTAL

REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM

This supplemental memorandum summarizes comments received at the April 14, 2022, public hearing at the Housing and Community Development Commission on the proposed Fifth Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan for the use of federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT

The Housing and Community Development Commission (Commission) heard this item at its virtual meeting on April 14, 2022, at 5:45pm. At its meeting, the Commission passed the following motion:

Commissioner Tran made the motion to recommend to the City Council that it approve the proposed Fifth Substantial Amendment, with a second by Chair O'Connell. The motion passed 11-0.

Yes	O'Connell, Jasinsky, Dawson, Shoor, Del Buono, Vong, Navarro,	
	Wheeler, Partida, Tran, Moore (11)	
No	None (0)	
Absent	None (0)	

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In addition to discussion of this motion, the following input on funding priorities was given at this meeting.

Public Comments:

None

Commissioner Comments:

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Commissioner Moore	Noted that the Amendment concerned a large amount of funds, and asked for clarification on the number of people that would be helped. She also noted there was an upcoming LifeMoves event on May 10 th . [Staff clarified that Attachment A indicates that an estimated additional 150 people would be helped through September 30, 2022.]
Commissioner Tran	Noted that funds were being taken from BeautifySJ and garbage collection for encampments and asked whether there were staffing issues, if there were a net decrease of services, and what "GOI" stands for on Attachment A. [Staff responded they would verify that the GOI acronym stands for. Staff explained BeautifySJ is providing trash service to encampments but had slower than anticipated service delivery because of hiring challenges and would not be able to spend all the funds by the federal deadline.]
Commissioner Navarro	Asked whether funds could be used to purchase future nights with hotel/motel vouchers, relative costs per night, and administration costs. Agreed that case managers are very important. [Staff discussed the master leasing process, rate of filling rooms, that there are waiting lists for vouchers, they pay relatively low negotiated rates such as approximately \$80-89/night, and that administrative costs also include supportive services delivery with plans for each family being housed.]
Commissioner Del Buono	Commented that staff had done a good job on the Amendment.
Commissioner Shoor	Said he appreciated Commissioner Moore and Tran's comments and thanked them and staff.
Commissioner Dawson	Asked for an update on local eviction numbers, given that the deadline to apply for emergency rent relief for unpaid back rent due to COVID-19 ended on March 30 th . [Staff offered to send the report brought to the City Council two weeks prior, that outlined the data on evictions, and said the City was launching a local eviction diversion and settlement program in partnership with the County and Superior Court.]
Chair O'Connell	Noted that a mobilehome park resident had applied five months ago for rental assistance but the application was still being processed. [Staff requested that the resident be referred to the Housing Department, and staff would follow up further on the status.]
Vice Chair Jasinsky	Clarified that GOI stands for "Goal Outcome Indicator" in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development online system. [Staff thanked him for his response.]

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COORDINATION

This memorandum was coordinated with the City Attorney's office.

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