

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Jacky Morales-Ferrand

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: February 13, 2023

Approved



Date

2/13/2023

SUPPLEMENTAL

**SUBJECT: SIXTH SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE REALLOCATION OF CORONAVIRUS
AID RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT FUNDS**

REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL

This supplemental memorandum summarizes comments received at the February 9, 2023, public hearing at the Housing and Community Development Commission (Commission) on the Sixth Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan for the use of CDBG CARES Act federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT

The Commission heard this item at its virtual meeting on February 9, 2023, at 5:45 p.m. At its meeting, the Commission passed the following motion:

Commissioner Dawson made the motion to recommend that the City Council approve the Sixth Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan, with a second by Commissioner Navarro. The motion passed 13-0.

Yes	Oppie, Moore, Jackson, Tran, Partida, Wheeler, Vong, Del Buono, Shoor, Dawson, Jasinsky, Finn, Cardoza (13)
No	None (0)
Absent	None (0)

In addition to discussion of this motion, the following input on the CDBG CARES Act funding redirect was given at this meeting.

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Subject: Supplemental Sixth Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan for the Reallocation of Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act Funds

Public Comments:

One individual urged that meals need to be provided every day, Monday through Sunday. There are some in transitional housing shelters that do not get food delivered on the weekends. The individual asked if all the sanitation dollars will be used on porta potties and sanitation.

Commissioner Comments:

Commission Member	Comments
Commissioner Finn	Questioned the timing of spending the funds.
Commissioner Del Buono	Is serving encampments in line with the mayor's priorities?
Chair Shoor	Wanted definition of critical needs to the community. The need to feed more people is not just related to COVID. The wealth disparities continue in the community and food will always be a need. What is meant by transitioning the City away from emergency food distribution? How do we use this source to do the most good for the greatest number of people?
Commissioner Cardoza	Would like sanitation services separated out.
Commissioner Jackson	Understands why CDBG CARES is not being used for legal services but was wondering if other funding sources were made available for legal services.
Commissioner Tran	Wanted to know how long the porta potties will be made available at the encampments. Questioned the high cost of the porta potties.
Commissioner Partida	Questioned why we could not add CDBG CV to the motel voucher program. Does the City service encampments along freeway ramps?
Commissioner Dawson	In full support of the substantial amendment, concerned about the long-term funding of the SOAR program and porta potties.
Commissioner Navarro	Wanted to know how many meals are provided in the encampments and are the meals hot? Questioned if trash was being picked up when food is delivered.
Commissioner Oppie	Wanted to know how the SOAR locations are being determined. Is there a lived experience of homelessness person assisting with the decision-making? The unhoused people move frequently. The City should reassess again. Getting food delivered on the weekends is difficult. How are the meals delivered? What is involved in providing case management in SOAR program?
Commissioner Wheeler	Wanted to know how the proposed projects were selected. Feels that the sanitation service is really more than is being described. Would like the sanitation services listed. The City Council memorandum should better describe the sanitation services.

/s/

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