



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Government Performance and Financial Management

AGENDA DATE: April 28, 2021

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): N/A

DEPARTMENT: Budget and Management Services

EXECUTIVE: Elizabeth Reich

SUBJECT

Authorize **(1)** preliminary adoption of the FY 2021-22 HUD Consolidated Plan Budget for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Grant Funds in an estimated amount of \$30,999,341 for the following programs and estimated amounts: **(a)** Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$14,867,635; **(b)** HOME Investment Partnerships Program in the amount of \$5,897,968; **(c)** Emergency Solutions Grant in the amount of \$1,290,230; **(d)** Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS in the amount of \$7,943,508; and **(e)** estimated Program Income in the amount of \$1,000,000; and **(2)** a public hearing to be held on May 26, 2021 to receive comments on the proposed use of funds - Financing: No cost consideration to the City (see Fiscal Information)

BACKGROUND

The City of Dallas receives four formula grants each year from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The four grants make up the Consolidated Plan, and consist of: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). The purpose of CDBG is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities. HOME funds are used to develop, support, produce, and expand the supply of decent and affordable housing. ESG funds help to prevent homelessness and assist individuals and families who are already homeless. HOPWA funds provide housing and supportive services to persons living with HIV/AIDS and their family members.

The Community Development Commission (CDC), a citizen advisory board appointed by the City Council, along with City staff, conducted a total of nine public meetings. These meetings provided the public with opportunities to participate in identifying community needs, to comment and provide input on potential uses of HUD Grant Funds.

Public meetings were held as follows:

January 7, 2021 - On-Line Virtual Meeting
January 11, 2021 - On-Line Virtual Meeting
January 12, 2021 - On-Line Virtual Meeting (10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.)
January 13, 2021 - Ryan White Planning Council - On-Line Virtual Meeting
January 13, 2021 - On-Line Virtual Meeting
January 14, 2021 - Telephone Town Hall Meeting
January 26, 2021 - Continuum of Care General Assembly - On-Line Virtual Meeting

February 11, 2021 - Citizen Homelessness Commission - On-Line Virtual Meeting
February 23, 2021 - Continuum of Care General Assembly - On-Line Virtual Meeting

Following preliminary adoption, these budgets will be made available for public review and comment from April 29, 2021 through June 8, 2021.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, HUD issued a waiver that allows grantees to hold virtual meetings using an on-line platform in lieu of holding in-person public hearings to fulfill the public hearing requirements under HUD regulations and the City's Citizen Participation Plan. The waiver applies as long as national or local public health authorities recommend social distancing limiting public gatherings for public health reasons to limit the spread of COVID-19, which continues to be the case.

In accordance with the HUD waiver and based on local and national public health authority guidance recommending social distancing that limits public gatherings for public health reasons to prevent the spread of COVID-19, a virtual public hearing will be held using an on-line platform on May 26, 2021. Final adoption is scheduled for June 9, 2021.

This action authorizes preliminary adoption of the FY 2021-22 HUD Consolidated Plan Budget and a public hearing to be held on May 26, 2021 before the City Council.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On March 4, 2021, the CDC was briefed on the City Manager's Proposed FY 2021-22 HUD Consolidated Plan Budget and CDC Committees held meetings to review the proposed budget.

On April 1, 2021, the CDC approved the City Manager's proposed budget with no amendments.

City Council was briefed on the "Proposed FY 2021-22 HUD Consolidated Plan Budget and the CDC's recommendation" on April 21, 2021.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Proposed FY 2021-22 HUD Consolidated Plan Budget

CDBG:	\$14,867,635	2021-22 Entitlement
	<u>\$ 500,000</u>	Program Income (estimate)
	\$15,367,635	

HOME:	\$ 5,897,968	2021-22 Entitlement
	<u>\$ 500,000</u>	Program Income (estimate)
	\$ 6,397,968	
ESG:	\$ 1,290,230	2021-22 Entitlement
HOPWA:	<u>\$ 7,943,508</u>	2021-22 Entitlement
	\$30,999,341	Total FY 2021-22 HUD Consolidated Plan Budget