Administrative Services Committee Meeting

Meeting Date:

HCD_ Reprogramming of CDBG-CV Funding

Department: **HCD**

Presenter: **Charles Jackson, HCD Interim Director**

Caption:

Housing and Community Development Department proposes the reprogramming of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of $611,228.32 from the Community Development Block Grant-COVID-19 activities to eligible CDBG-CV activities that better address current community needs and urgently ensure the timely expenditure of HUD funds.

Background:

Based on the available funding, the City of Augusta proposes utilizing the remaining CDBG-CV funds for eligible COVID-19 response activities. Proposed uses may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Program administration and eligible activity delivery costs.
- Professional sanitation and disinfectant spraying services at eligible public or community-serving facilities;
- Eligible equipment necessary to carry out CDBG-CV-funded activities. All proposed expenditures will be reviewed for eligibility, reasonableness, necessity, applicable national objective requirements, procurement requirements, duplication of benefits, and required documentation before expenditure. Final activity allocations may be adjusted based on eligibility review and the approval process.

Analysis:

The proposed reallocation reflects HCD's commitment to directing remaining CDBG-CV resources toward activities that address community needs and can be implemented promptly. Proposed activities include program administration and eligible activity delivery costs; professional sanitation and disinfectant spraying services at eligible public or community-serving facilities; and the purchase of eligible equipment necessary to carry out CDBG-CV-funded activities. These activities will support efforts to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus while benefiting low- and moderate-income residents.

The proposed uses will be evaluated and documented for compliance with the CARES Act, Public Law 116-136, and HUD's CDBG-CV Notice, 85 FR 51457, as amended, including applicable eligibility, national objective, procurement, and duplication-of-benefits requirements. Reallocation of these funds will support timely implementation and expenditure while advancing the goals and priorities identified in the City's Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

Financial Impact: There is no impact on the General Fund. The proposed action reallocates existing Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) funds not previously appropriated by any activity. No additional local funds are required. The total CDBG-CV allocation remains unchanged; only the use of the existing federal funds is being amended.

Alternatives: Failure to approve the reallocation of the funds may affect the City's ability to meet HUD expenditure requirements, potentially placing future CDBG-CV funding at risk and reducing the overall effectiveness of the City's Community Development Block Grant program.

Recommendation: Motion to approve HCD's approval of the proposed reprogramming of CDBG-CV funds from the Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 activities to eligible CDBG-CV activities that better address current community needs and urgently ensure the timely expenditure of HUD funds.

Funds are available in the following accounts: **221073221/5311110**

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY: