

ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL
(Non-Consent Agenda Item)
Meeting of April 15, 2021

TO: The Honorable Ed Montanari, Chair, and Members of City Council

SUBJECT: A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) in the amount of \$1,594,534 for the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (“CDBG-CV-3) funding to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic which addresses the unique needs of low- and moderate-income individuals; approving a substantial amendment to the FY 2019/20 Annual Action Plan (“Amendment”) in the amount of \$1,594,534 to add projects to fund with CDBG-CV-3; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,594,534 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Community Development Block Grant Fund (1111), resulting from additional revenue to be received during FY 2020/21, to the Housing and Community Development Department, Administration Division (082-1089); authorizing the Mayor or his designee to submit the substantial amendment to the FY 2019/20 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”); execute all documents necessary to effectuate these transactions; and providing an effective date.

EXPLANATION: During March 2020, Congress and the President approved the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), Public Law 116-136, which has the purpose of providing emergency assistance and health care response for individuals, families and businesses affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

The CARES Act made available \$5 billion in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (“CDBG-CV”) funds to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) in which HUD immediately allocated all but \$2 billion to entitlement recipients based on the fiscal year 2020 CDBG formula. On September 11, 2020, HUD notified the City of an additional award of \$1,594,534 (“CDBG-CV-3) derived from the \$2 billion in remaining CDBG-CV funding.

A substantial amendment of the FY 2019/20 Annual Action Plan (“Amendment”), which was originally approved under Resolution Number 2019-393 dated August 1, 2019, is needed to add projects for the CDBG-CV-3 funding totaling \$1,594,534.

As a result, a Notice of Funding Availability (“NOFA”) was placed in the Tampa Bay Times on December 2, 2020 soliciting proposals to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19. After applications were received and reviewed, it was determined that not enough requests were received to allocate the entire \$1,594,534; therefore, a second NOFA was published on February 21, 2021 seeking specific requests to provide housing stability (case management, mediation, housing counseling, and legal services) for renter households impacted by COVID-19.

Administration has determined that the following meet the requirements of the funding and recommend these agencies:

- Boley Centers \$253,492 – case management and wrap around services;
- Catholic Charities \$10,210 – install UV lights in HVAC units to kill germs, pathogens and viruses at Pinellas HOPE and Fountainview Apartments;
- Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA) \$9,347 – expansion of the crisis hotline room to allow for physical distancing and purchase of equipment for use in the kitchen;
- Community Law Program \$137,500 – housing stability services to include free legal and mediation services;
- Gulfcoast Legal Services \$98,267 – housing stability services to keep households housed and avoiding eviction;
- Homeless Leadership Alliance \$258,612 – eviction diversion for households in the eviction process where no solution is available;
- Hope Villages of American \$88,302 – distribution of food to designated area locations;
- James B. Sanderlin Center \$70,190 – purchase and installation of touchless thermometers and cover the basketball court for activities outside to social distance;
- Louise Graham \$12,963 – purchase and installation of supplies to prevent the spread of COVID-19;
- Lutheran Services/Jordan School \$85,454 – various items for modifications to the school to prevent the further spread of COVID-19;
- St. Petersburg Pregnancy Center \$12,363 – purchase and installation of various items necessary to further prevent the spread of COVID-19;
- St. Vincent dePaul \$70,798 – meals to persons housed in hotel/motels and various supplies to combat the spread of COVID-19; and
- Westcare \$74,966 – increase in services to accommodate clients getting to/from work and medical appointments by providing transportation.

Administration further recommends the balance of funding be distributed as follows:

- Mortgage/utility direct assistance \$93,164 – to further aide those behind in their mortgage payments and/or utilities for assistance up to three consecutive months; and
- City Administration \$318,906

A public notice was published on April 7, 2021, in the Tampa Bay Times to notify the public of the proposed Amendment and of the public hearing to be held on April 15, 2021, which complies with the revised Citizen Participation Plan requirements of the Consolidated Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) in the amount of \$1,594,534 for the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (“CDBG-CV-3) funding to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic which addresses the unique needs of low- and moderate-income individuals; approving a substantial amendment to the FY 2019/20 Annual Action Plan (“Amendment”) in the amount of \$1,594,534 to add projects to fund with CDBG-CV-3; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,594,534 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Community Development Block Grant Fund (1111), resulting from additional revenue to be received during FY 2020/21, to the Housing and Community Development Department, Administration Division (082-1089); authorizing the Mayor or his designee to submit the substantial amendment to the FY 2019/20 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and

Urban Development (“HUD”); execute all documents necessary to effectuate these transactions; and providing an effective date.

COST/FUNDING/ASSESSMENT INFORMATION:

Revenues of \$1,594,534 will be received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) and deposited into the CDBG Fund (1111). Funds will be available after the approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,594,534 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the CDBG Fund (1111), resulting from additional grant revenue to the Housing and Community Development Department, Administration Division.

Attachments: Resolution
Award Letter from HUD

APPROVALS:

Administration: Robert Gerdes Budget: myzn

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (“HUD”) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,594,534 FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CORONAVIRUS (“CDBG-CV-3) FUNDING TO PREVENT, PREPARE FOR AND RESPOND TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC WHICH ADDRESSES THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME INDIVIDUALS; APPROVING A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2019/20 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (“AMENDMENT”) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,594,534 TO ADD PROJECTS TO FUND WITH CDBG-CV-3; APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,594,534 FROM THE INCREASE IN THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND (1111), RESULTING FROM ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO BE RECEIVED DURING FY 2020/21, TO THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, ADMINISTRATION DIVISION (082-1089); AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT THE SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2019/20 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (“HUD”); EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THESE TRANSACTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, during March 2020, Congress and the President approved the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), Public Law 116-136, which has the purpose of providing emergency assistance and health care response for individuals, families and businesses affected by the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act made available \$5 billion in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (“CDBG-CV”) funds to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) in which HUD immediately allocated all but \$2 billion to entitlement recipients based on the fiscal year 2020 Community Development Block Grant formula; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2020, HUD notified the City of an additional award of \$1,594,534 (“CDBG-CV-3) derived from the \$2 billion in remaining CDBG-CV funding; and

WHEREAS, a substantial amendment of the FY 2019/20 Annual Action Plan (“Amendment”), which was originally approved under Resolution 2019-393 dated August 1, 2019, is needed to add projects for the CDBG-CV-3 funding totaling \$1,594,534; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Funding Availability (“NOFA”) was placed in the Tampa Bay Times on December 2, 2020 soliciting proposals to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, when applications were received and reviewed, and it was determined that not enough requests were received to allocate the entire \$1,594,534; therefore, a second NOFA was published on February 21, 2021 seeking specific requests to provide housing stability (case management, mediation, housing counseling, and legal services) for renter households impacted by COVID-19; and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) in the amount of \$1,594,534 for the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (“CDBG-CV-3) funding to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic which addresses the unique needs of low- and moderate-income individuals; approving a

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following supplemental appropriation from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Community Development Block Grant Fund (1111), resulting from additional revenue to be received during FY 2020/21, is hereby approved for FY21.

<u>Community Development Block Grant Fund (1111)</u> Housing and Community Development Department, Administration Division (082-1089)	\$1,594,534
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This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Approvals:

Legal: /s/ Bradley Tennant

Administration: Robert Gerdes

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

September 11, 2020

The Honorable Rick Kriseman
Mayor of St Petersburg
175 Fifth Street N
St Petersburg, FL 33701-3708

Dear Mayor Kriseman:

I am pleased to inform you of a special allocation to your jurisdiction of Community Development Block Grant funds to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19). This allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, which was signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020, to respond to the growing effects of this historic public health crisis.

The CARES Act made available \$5 billion in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds. Of this amount, the Department immediately allocated \$2 billion on March 27, 2020, the same day President Trump signed the Act, based on the fiscal year 2020 CDBG formula; this constituted the first round of CDBG-CV funds. Next, \$1 billion was required by the Act to be allocated to States and insular areas within 45 days of enactment of the Act; HUD accomplished this on May 11, 2020, and this constituted the second round of CDBG-CV funds. Finally, the remaining \$2 billion in CDBG-CV funds was required by the Act to be allocated to states and local governments at the discretion of the Secretary on a rolling basis; HUD accomplished this on September 11, 2020, and this constituted the third round of CDBG-CV funds. Additionally, up to \$10 million will be set aside for technical assistance.

Accordingly, this letter informs you that your jurisdiction's allocation for the third round is \$1,594,534. Your cumulative amount for all allocation rounds is \$2,695,479.

The CARES Act adds additional flexibility for both the CDBG-CV grant and, in some cases, for the annual FY2019 and FY2020 CDBG grants in these unprecedented times. The public comment period is reduced to not less than 5 days, grantees may use virtual public hearings when necessary for public health reasons, the public services cap is suspended during the emergency, and States and local governments may reimburse costs of eligible activities incurred for pandemic response regardless of the date.

In addition, the CARES Act authorizes the HUD Secretary to grant waivers and alternative requirements of statutes and regulations the HUD Secretary administers in connection with the use of CDBG-CV funds and fiscal year 2019 and 2020 CDBG funds (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment). Waivers and alternative requirements can be granted when necessary to expedite and facilitate the use of funds to prevent,

prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

The CDBG CARES Act Federal Register Notice (FR-6218-N-01) was released on August 10, 2020. The notice describes the allocations and grant procedures applicable to the CDBG-CV grants. It also describes the program flexibilities, waivers, and alternative requirements that apply to the CDBG-CV grants as well as the fiscal year 2019 and 2020 CDBG grants. As further such flexibilities become available, they will be posted on HUD's website and distributed to grantees. The Department will also support grantees with technical assistance.

As you develop your plan for the use of these grant funds, we encourage you to consider approaches that prioritize the unique needs of low- and moderate-income persons and the development of partnerships between all levels of government and the private for-profit and non-profit sectors. You should coordinate with state and local health authorities before undertaking any activity to support state or local pandemic response. CDBG-CV grants will be subject to oversight, reporting, and the requirement that each grantee have adequate procedures to prevent the duplication of benefits (DOB). HUD will provide guidance and technical assistance on DOB, the prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse, and on documenting the impact of this program for beneficiaries.

Reminder, all CPD Grantees must ensure they maintain active Dun and Bradstreet Numbering System (DUNS) numbers in the System for Award Management (SAM) system. Entities must have an active and unexpired DUNS before execution of grant agreements to avoid delays in the obligation of funds- which will delay your ability to drawdown funds in the Integrated Disbursement & Information System (IDIS). Grantees are required to maintain an active SAMs registration by re-activating their DUNS number annually in the SAM system for the entire drawdown period of their grants. DUNS numbers can be registered and renewed each year at the following website: <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>.

The Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) is looking forward to working with you to successfully meet the urgent and complex challenges faced by our communities. If you or any member of your staff has questions, please contact your local CPD Field Office Director or CPDQuestionsAnswered@hud.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Gibbs", written in a cursive style.

John Gibbs
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Community Planning and Development
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development