

Urban Consortium Joint Recommendations Committee

Meeting Materials for Thursday, July 30th, 2020

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AGENDA

JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE (JRC) MEETING

July 30, 2020 10:00am – 11:00am Skype Meeting

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

II. ACTION ITEMS:

 A. Approve allocation of 2019 program income/recapture funds – NORTH/EAST Subregion

Attachment A/B
Laurie Wells

VOTING: ★ CDBG Consortium

B. Approve allocation of 2019 program income/recapture funds – SOUTH Subregion

Attachment A/B
Laurie Wells

VOTING: ★ CDBG Consortium

C. Approve second round CARES ESG-CV funding recommendations

Attachment C Kate Speltz

VOTING: ALL (except Seattle)

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Update on first round CARES ESG-CV and CDBG-CV funds

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Schedule

2020 JRC Meetings (10am -12pm)							
Date	Location						
3/26	Skype						
3/26 5/28	TBD						
9/24	Dept. of Elections (Alvine Conf Room)						
12/3	Dept. of Elections (Alvine Conf Room)						

- ★ CDBG Consortium City
- Joint Agreement City
- HOME City
- ♦ RAHP City



Funds Available to Allocate

DEFINITIONS:

Unallocated Funds – These funds are a result of the increase the County received in CDBG funding for 2020. These funds can be used for capital contingency projects or carried forward to the 2021 CDBG capital funding round.

Program Income (PI) – These funds were received in 2019 and are what is available after Waterfall set asides. These funds can be used for capital contingency projects or carried forward to the 2021 CDBG capital funding round.

Recapture – Unspent funds available after projects were closed. These funds can be used for capital contingency projects or carried forward to the 2021 CDBG capital funding round.

There are funds available from the 2020 entitlement increase, 2019 program income (carried over to 2020) and 2019 recaptured funds (carried over to 2020). These funds can be allocated to 2020 projects, if contingency projects were identified, or set aside and added to the 2021 CDBG available funds for both the N/E and South Subregions.

As mentioned in the Waterfall Summary discussion at the May 2020 JRC meeting:

In order to streamline and improve efficiencies, staff has changed the waterfall to reflect processes that were in effect in 2017 and prior years. The changes include how we reflect Program Income (PI) and Recaptured funds. PI and Recaptured funds will be reflected in the next year, not the year the PI and Recapture were received.

Going forward, PI and recaptured funds information will be brought to the JRC in the 1st quarter of each year to determine how the Subregions wish to allocate those funds. However, 2019 PI and Recapture will be allocated by the JRC in the July 2020 meeting.

ACTION: The JRC will need to allocate the funds from increased 2020 CDBG funding and 2019 PI/Recapture.

North/East Subregion - 2020 CDBG Funding

	Unallocated from			Carryover					
*	Entitlement		(2019 Program Income)		Recapture			Total	
N/E Allocations									
N/E Unallocated	\$	121,319	\$	-	\$	-			
N/E Housing Capital Share (ARCH)	\$	-	\$	22,047	\$	24,314	\$	46,361	
N/E Capital Share	\$	-	\$	33,071	\$	36,470	\$	69,541	
N/E Balance	\$	121,319	\$	55,118	\$	60,784	\$	237,221	

No N/E contingency project.

★RECOMMENDATION:

Total available balance (\$237,221) to 2021 applications.



South Subregion - 2020 CDBG Funding

(1)	_	Unallocated from Entitlement		Carryover (2019 Program Income)		Recapture	Total		
South Allocations									
South Unallocated	\$	54,245	\$	107,915	\$	118,923			
South Balance	\$	54,245	\$	107,915	\$	118,923	\$	281,083	

★RECOMMENDATION: Option A or Option B

OPTION A - Black Diamond Contingency Proje	<u>ect</u>			OPTION B- South Balance → 2	2021 Applications	
Black Diamond Funding Request:	\$	560,000		Total available balance (\$281,083)	to 2021 applications	
Black Diamond Award	\$	(358,517)				
Funds needed to meet maximum funding request:	\$	201,483	OR			
(from carryover & recapture)			ΟN			
Remaining balance funds for 2021 applications	\$	79,600				
Option A Total	\$	281,083		Option B Total	\$	281,083

July 30, 2020 Funding Recommendation

Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding: Emergency Solutions Grant – Corona Virus (ESG-CV)

King County has received a second allocation of CARES Act Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. These second-round funds were allocated according to a new formula developed by the HUD Secretary based on risk of coronavirus transmission, numbers or rates of sheltered/unsheltered homeless, and economic and housing market conditions. King County's allocation is \$ 11,139,409 in ESG-CV funds to be spent over a two year period.

Eligible Fund Uses

Must be used to support activities serving people experiencing homelessness including shelter support, rapid rehousing, rental assistance, outreach. The ESG spending cap for emergency shelters has been lifted by the CARES Act.

Recommendation

After Admin share, allocate ESG-CV funds to emergency shelters and rapid re-housing.

Rationale

Recommendation is based on the following factors:

- Emergency shelter is the core use of ESG funds in serving those who are currently homeless. In the context of COVID, in addition to shelter operations, funding is needed to support one-time expenses for structural adjustments to facilities to meet public health and CDC guidelines.
- Rapid Re-housing is a proven approach for ending a household's homelessness, and a good match for one-time funds at this scale as there is not an ongoing housing or facility commitment involved. Rapid-rehousing is a strongly recommended use of ESG-CV by HUD and its technical assistance providers as a tool that not only ends homelessness for a household, but also has COVID-protective benefits by providing physical distancing and having a place to isolate.
- Other COVID funds are better suited to and addressing rent assistance for those already housed including CDBG, CARES Act, and funds through Washington State Commerce.

Financial Assumptions/Impacts

- King County will retain 3% for Admin costs, lower than the 10% cap HUD is allowing for these funds
- County ESG funds are typically combined with other funds for shelter and rapid re-housing activities. ESG-CV funds will likewise be used in concert with other funds for shelter and rapid rehousing, each source leveraging the other to their best use. Such funds include ESG, FEMA, Commerce Shelter Grant funds, and CARES Act funds.