



# MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda  
Item No. IX. AD  
9/27/2022

## The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Second Amendment to the Emergency Solutions Grant COVID Agreement with Neighborhood Services Organization, Inc., homeless prevention and rapid re-housing, decrease of \$41,324.90, extending the term from September 30, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

### **Background:**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, was signed into law on March 27, 2020. On April 2, 2020, HUD informed the Planning Department that \$1,475,283 in Emergency Solutions Grant covid (ESG-CV) funds had been allocated to the City. On June 9, 2020, HUD announced a second allocation of \$5,928,669 in ESG-CV funds to the City. The CARES Act allowed these funds to cover or reimburse allowable costs incurred before the award of the second allocation of funding, including expenditures made prior to the signing of the CARES Act.

On August 4, 2020, (Item VII.Q.), the City Council approved an ESG-CV funding Agreement with Neighborhood Services Organization (NSO) to provide services in response to COVID-19. The initial funding amount was \$50,000. The original term of the Agreement was through June 30, 2022.

On December 1, 2020, the Planning Department notified homeless service providers of the availability of additional CARES Act Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funds. On December 30, 2020, NSO submitted a request to the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board for additional ESG-CV funds. The CoC committee reviewed the request and recommended allocating an additional \$100,000 in ESG-CV funds to Neighborhood Services Organization.

On March 16, 2021, the City Council approved the First Amendment to the Emergency Solutions Grant COVID Program Agreement with Neighborhood Services Organization to extend the Agreement to September 30, 2022 and increase the total amount of ESG-CV funds by \$100,000 from \$50,000 to \$150,000.

On April 18, 2022, HUD issued Notice CPD-22-06, extending the expenditure deadline for ESG-CV funding an additional year to September 30, 2023.

On August 12, 2022, the CoC Committee met, and based on the rate of NSO's fund expenditures, determined to recapture \$41,324.90 of ESG-CV funds allocated to NSO for Rapid Re-Housing/TBRA/Services. so that those funds might be used by other providers. NSO agreed to this change. The CoC recommended the funds be reallocated to two other organizations to provide the same Rapid Re-housing services, which will be proposed to City Council at a later date pending approval of today's action.

The current Amendment submitted for approval will reduce the total amount of ESG-CV funds allocated to NSO from \$150,000 to \$108,675.10. The amendment also extends the term of the Agreement through September 30, 2023 to conform with revised federal deadlines.

**Cost:**

No increase in cost.

**Review:**

Planning

**Recommendation:** Amendment be approved.