

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Community and Human Development

AGENDA DATE: June 28, 2011

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: William Lilly/541-4643

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: District #3

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and action on a Resolution amending the Annual Action Plan (2008-2009) and the 2009-2012 Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) Program by adding a new public service activity, Ramos Court – Short Term Rental Assistance, to enable the City to provide short term rental assistance to residents affected by canal flooding on Ramos Court; and authorizing the City Manager to take any actions necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution upon approval by the City Attorney's Office and Director of Community and Human Development Department.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

The CDBG-R Program was established by Congress under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The CDBG-R allows the City of El Paso to give priority consideration and the ability to focus additional federal funds on projects that can be started and completed expeditiously to stimulate the economy through measures that modernize the Nation's infrastructure, improve energy efficiency, and expand educational opportunities and access to health care.

In implementing the three-year CDBG-R Program in the amount of \$2,284,192 awarded to the City of El Paso under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the City funded the following six activities to comply with the intent of the national program:

\$ 701,128 – Coronado Road Phase II Street & Drainage Improvements – Construction
487,100 – Bucher Road Street & Drainage Improvements – Construction
250,000 – Centro Mayapan Festival Marketplace – Job Retention & Microenterprise Support
100,000 – Project Arriba – Workforce Training
253,964 – Citywide Curb Cut Demand Program (CDBG-R)
492,000 – Stiles Drive Street & Drainage Improvements – Construction
\$2,284,192

The Director of Community and Human Development recommends that the City's 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan and its 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan be amended by adding the following new public service activity to its CDBG-R Act Stimulus Program:

Ramos Court – Short Term Rental Assistance - \$25,000

CDBG-R funding will be utilized to provide short term rental assistance to individuals and families displaced by canal flooding that occurred on Ramos Court from Flicker Way to the dead end. The funding for this estimated \$25,000 public service project would come from the Bucher Road Street & Drainage Improvements CDBG-R Construction project, reducing its budget from \$487,100 to \$462,100.

A Notice was placed on the City's website in English and Spanish on June 15, 2011 to allow a 7-day period for public comment ending June 23, 2011. Any citizen comments received after the submittal of this Agenda Item Department Head's Summary Form will be forwarded to City Council for consideration.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

On April 26, 2011, City Council amended the Annual Action Plan (2008-2009) and the 2009-2012 CDBG-R Program by adding the Stiles Drive Street & Drainage Improvements – Construction project. Many other such amendments have also been approved by City Council in prior years.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

A new account in the amount of \$25,000 will be set-up for Ramos Court – Short Term Rental Assistance. A budget transfer will be required to move funds from the Bucher Road account (G71CDBGR002-10163) to the Ramos Court account.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) _____

FINANCE: (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____

 Anthony C. Shear

(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)
Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: _____

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2005, the City Council for the City of El Paso adopted a five-year (2005-2010) Consolidated Plan that serves as a comprehensive housing affordability strategy, community development plan, and submission for funding programs that address homelessness and homelessness prevention such as the Emergency Shelter Program and Community Development Block Grant Public Services homeless programs which were submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2009, the City Council for the City of El Paso amended the 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan by adding a Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) Program component, with community development needs addressed by CDBG-R activities being rated as “high or medium priority needs” in the Jurisdictional Community Development Needs Table in the 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan, and amended the Annual Action Plan (2008-2009) by adding five specific CDBG-R funded activities and budgets; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2011, the City Council for the City of El Paso again amended the 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan by adding a sixth CDBG-R activity – Stiles Drive Street and Drainage Improvements from Dodge to Bucher Road – Construction, to enable the City to expend its entire \$2,284,192 three-year grant in a timely and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, based upon a recommendation of the Director of Community and Human Development, now desires to amend for the third time the Annual Action Plan (2008-2009) and the 2009-2012 CDBG-R Program by adding a seventh activity that will allow the City to provide short term rental assistance to residents affected by canal flooding on Ramos Court; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2011, the City of El Paso displayed on its website public notice, in both English and Spanish, to allow a 7-day public comment period regarding the proposed amendment to the Annual Action Plan (2008-2009) and the 2009-2012 CDBG-R Program, and City Council has duly considered public comment, if any.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That the Annual Action Plan (2008-2009) and the 2009-2012 CDBG-R Program is hereby amended by adding the following new public service project to the CDBG-R Program:

Ramos Court – Short Term Rental Assistance - \$25,000 (**District 3**);

2. That the funding for this public service activity be taken from the Bucher Road Street and Drainage Improvements CDBG-R project; and

3. That the City Manager be authorized to take any actions necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution, upon approval by the City Attorney's Office and Director of Community and Human Development Department.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2011.

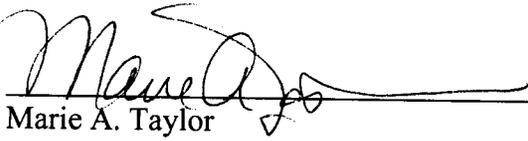
CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook
Mayor

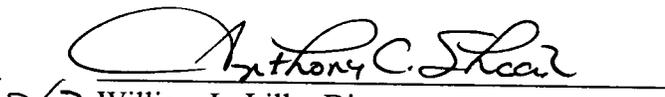
ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Marie A. Taylor
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:


for William L. Lilly, Director
Community and Human Development