

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

DEPARTMENT: Community and Human Development

AGENDA DATE: July 19, 2011

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: William Lilly/541-4643

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

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 Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) by substantially redistributing HPRP funds to enable the City to expend its entire \$3,492,976 grant before the August 2012 grant deadline; 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 Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) was established by Congress under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The HPRP allows the City of El Paso to give priority consideration and the ability to focus additional federal funds to provide homelessness prevention assistance to households who would otherwise become homeless - many due to the economic crisis, and to provide assistance to rapidly re-house persons who are homeless as defined by Section 103 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302). There are four types of eligible activities for the HPRP: 1) financial assistance; 2) housing relocation and stabilization services; 3) data collection and evaluation; and (4) administrative costs. HPRP assistance is not intended to provide long-term support for program participants, nor is it able to address all of the financial and supportive services needs of households that affect housing stability. Rather, assistance is focused on housing stabilization, linking program participants to community resources and mainstream benefits, and helping them develop a plan for preventing future housing instability.

The City of El Paso received a three-year, \$3,492,976 stimulus grant from HUD to administer the HPRP in El Paso from September 2009 to August 2012. In implementing the grant, the City established three distinct target areas within the City to utilize HPRP funds and entered into contracts with the County of El Paso, TVP Non-Profit Corporation and the El Paso Coalition for the Homeless to provide homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing and data evaluation and collection services, respectively, within those areas. After administering the program for almost two years and documenting spending patterns, it has become evident that the need for Homelessness Prevention Assistance has declined, while the need for Rapid Re-housing Services has remained steady, and therefore, it's become necessary to once again redistribute the HPRP funds to spend out the remaining funds before the grant deadline of August 2012. The redistribution of funds should allow the City to expend all HPRP funds by April 2012, several months ahead the mandated deadline. HUD has encouraged all stimulus grant recipients to spend out their grants as soon as possible to showcase the need and justify the allocation of these funds. The following changes are recommended:

County of El Paso – Central/Northwest Target Area – Decrease the total budget for Homelessness Prevention Assistance from \$943,325 to \$782,080. The \$161,245 net decrease would lower the Financial Assistance component by \$153,953 (from \$842,993 to \$689,040); increase the Relocation & Stabilization component by \$4,800 (from \$81,000 to \$85,800); and decrease Administrative costs by \$12,092 (from \$19,332 to \$7,240).

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 5, 2009, the City Council for the City of El Paso amended the 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan by adding a Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) component, with Homeless Needs addressed by HPRP activities being rated as "high priority needs" in the Homeless Needs Table for Individuals and Families in the 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan, and amended the Annual Action Plan (2008-2009) by adding specific HPRP-funded activities; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2009, the City Council for the City of El Paso approved funding awards for the 2009-2012 HPRP related to the implementation and performance of the activities contained in the Annual Action Plan (2008-2009) and corresponding programs; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2011, the City Council amended the Annual Action Plan (2008-2009) and the 2009-2012 HPRP Budget by redistributing HPRP funds to enable the City to expend its \$3,492,976 grant in a more logical and efficient manner based on higher areas of need; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, based upon a recommendation of the Director of Community and Human Development, now desires a second amendment to the Annual Action Plan (2008-2009) and the 2009-2012 HPRP Budget to once again redistribute HPRP funds to greater areas of need to enable the City to expend its entire \$3,492,976 grant before the August 2012 grant deadline; and

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2011, the City of El Paso published in the El Paso Times and El Diario newspapers public notice and allowed a 12-day public comment period regarding the proposed amendment to the Annual Action Plan (2008-2009) and 2009-2012 HPRP Budget 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 HPRP Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Decrease the County of El Paso – Central/Northwest Target Area total budget for the provision of homelessness prevention assistance in the Central/Northwest Area by \$161,245, from \$943,325 to \$782,080, which will lower the Financial Assistance component by \$153,953; increase the Relocation & Stabilization component by \$4,800; and decrease Administrative costs by \$12,092;

Decrease the County of El Paso – Northeast/East Target Area total budget for the provision of homelessness prevention assistance in the Northeast/East Area by \$245,940, from \$1,006,000 to \$760,060, which will lower the Financial Assistance component by \$225,277; reduce the Relocation & Stabilization component by \$8,450; and decrease Administrative costs by \$12,213;

Decrease the County of El Paso – Lower Valley Target Area total budget for the provision of homelessness prevention assistance in the Lower Valley Area by \$6,760, from \$300,000 to \$293,240, which will increase the Financial Assistance component by \$4,502; increase the Relocation & Stabilization component by \$2,930; and decrease Administrative costs by \$14,192;

Increase TVP Non-Profit Corporation's total budget for the provision of rapid re-housing services by \$398,945, from \$1,103,651 to \$1,502,596, which will increase the Financial Assistance component by \$286,900; increase the Relocation & Stabilization component by \$97,823; and increase Administration costs by \$14,222;

Increase the total budget for the provision of data collection and evaluation by \$12,000, from \$100,000 to \$112,000;

Increase the City of El Paso's HPRP administration budget by \$3,000, from \$40,000 to \$43,000. **(All Districts)**; and

2. That the City Manager be authorized to take any actions necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution, including contract amendments with all HPRP-funded agencies, 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

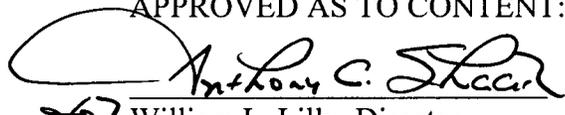
ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Marie A. Taylor
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:


76.2 William L. Lilly, Director
Community and Human Development