

HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

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Aldermanic Chamber

PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCUSSION

- City's Approach to Recovery Housing

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager
Re: Community Development Block Grant CARES Act Reallocation – HVAC Projects

From: Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager
Re: Urban Programs Department Updates – August 2023

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

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RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF UP TO \$425,000 FROM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

R-23-156

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AMENDING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021-2025 TO AMEND ROUND 4 CDBG-CV FUNDING UNDER THE 2020 CARES ACT

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

TABLED IN COMMITTEE

GENERAL DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN

ADJOURNMENT



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Memo

To: Board of Aldermen
From: Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager (x3087)
Date: September 6, 2023
Re: Community Development Block Grant CARES Act Reallocation – HVAC Projects

The City of Nashua allocated \$168,968 in Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds to a variety of activities, including to HVAC renovations at the United Way of Greater Nashua, Nashua Children's Home, and the Youth Council. The United Way activity was determined to be ineligible for CDBG-CV funding subsequent to its grant award, and the received bids for the Nashua Children's Home and the Youth Council are higher than the CDBG-CV funds awarded to these projects. Therefore, the Urban Programs Department proposes that the \$20,328.11 originally awarded to United Way be reallocated in the following amounts:

- United Way: decrease funding from \$20,328.11 to \$0.
- Nashua Children's Home: increase funding from \$25,742.26 to \$43,953.48.
- The Youth Council: increase funding from \$19,928.57 to \$22,045.46.

This necessitates a minor amendment to the FY 2020-FY2025 Consolidated Plan.



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Memo

To: Human Affairs Committee
From: Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager (x3087 or longj@nashuanh.gov)
Date: September 11, 2023
Re: Urban Programs Department Updates – August 2023

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Updates

FY 2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

The City of Nashua's draft CAPER for FY 2023, which summarizes program achievements and obstacles, has been submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for review and approval. Performance was exceeded in the areas of homeowner-occupied housing rehabilitation, improvements to youth facilities, homeless public facility improvements, and special needs facility improvements. Performance undermet estimates in the areas of HOME homeowner-occupied housing development, HOME homebuyer assistance, infrastructure improvements, general public facility improvements, HOME rental unit construction, and CDBG rental rehabilitation. This underperformance in many of these areas is related to the fact that these projects are larger in scope and take longer to complete, often spanning across multiple program years.

FY 2025-2030 Consolidated Five-Year Plan

As a recipient of CDBG and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program funds, the City of Nashua is required to draft and submit a consolidated plan that outlines program priorities and objectives for the upcoming five-year period. The Urban Programs Department began the process of consultations and public input in spring 2023 and has included in-person discussions and surveys at several summer festivals, including most recently the Multicultural Festival. The citizen survey is also available online at <https://form.jotform.com/231004746077048>. It is available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, and Swahili.

FY 2024 Projects

Environmental reviews have been completed for all projects except for the Stepping Stones Transitional Housing Renovation Project and First Church of Nashua's and Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire's permanent supportive housing renovation project. HUD has granted the Request for Release of Funds for the Stepping Stones transitional housing project, which is on hold

pending finalization of a lease between Stepping Stones and the owners of the former Daniel Webster College.

Prior Year Projects

The Pine Street pedestrian crossing project, Ash Street futsal court lighting project, and Los Amigos playground project are temporarily on hold. During its review of the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan, HUD determined that these prior year projects must be included in the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan in order to continue. The Urban Programs Department submit a substantial amendment to the FY24 Annual Action Plan for the projects, assuming Board of Aldermen approval at the September 13th Board of Aldermen meeting.

Three HVAC projects that were awarded CDBG CARES Act (CDBG-CV) funds during Round 4: the Youth Council, Nashua Children's Home, and the United Way of Greater Nashua. The United Way activity was determined to be ineligible for CDBG-CV funding subsequent to its grant award, and the received bids for the Nashua Children's Home and the Youth Council are higher than the CDBG-CV funds awarded to these projects. Therefore, the Urban Programs Department proposes that the \$20,328.11 originally awarded to United Way between the Youth Council and Children's Home projects.

Fair Housing Planning

The City of Nashua has continued to meet with the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) to coordinate on drafting the City's fair housing plan update, due in May 2024. The Urban Programs Department has reached out to both the New Hampshire Human Rights Commission and New Hampshire Legal Assistance for recent housing complaint data for the City of Nashua in order to analyze trends since 2020.

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HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program Updates

HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan

The Urban Programs Department has continued to meet with the HUD-contracted technical assistance provider to help with the implementation of the city's HOME-ARP program. Review of documents, including grant application materials, is ongoing. The Urban Programs Manager has scheduled a presentation on the HOME-ARP program at the October general meeting of the Greater Nashua Continuum of Care.

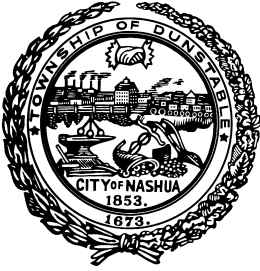
First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program

The Urban Programs Department has approved its first grant under the homebuyer assistance program. The potential homebuyer has six months from the date of approval to identify a qualifying home for purchase. The offer may be extended past the initial six-month period upon request from the potential homebuyer and submission of updated documentation.

Lead Remediation Program Updates

The lead program coordinator position remains vacant.

The City of Nashua's contracted lead inspector, Alchemy Lead Management, is currently in dispute with the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) regarding licensure of its owner and main Risk Assessor. The Urban Programs Department has been in communication with Alchemy Lead Management, NH DHHS, and HUD regarding the situation and its potential impacts on the city's lead remediation program.



RESOLUTION

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF UP TO \$425,000 FROM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty Three

RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that the City of Nashua and the Nashua Police Department are authorized to accept up to \$425,000 from the New Hampshire Department of Safety Homeland Security Grant Program into Police Grant Activity “New Hampshire Homeland Security Grants” for the purpose of reimbursing the City for overtime, backfill costs, equipment and allowable specialized training expenses.

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2023

RESOLUTION:

R-23-153

PURPOSE:

Relative to the acceptance of up to \$425,000 from the New Hampshire Department of Safety Homeland Security Grant Program

SPONSOR(S):

Mayor Jim Donchess

**COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENT:**

Human Affairs Committee

FISCAL NOTE:

The fiscal impact is up to \$425,000 of grant funds to be used for a specific purpose.

ANALYSIS

This legislation authorizes the City to accept up to \$425,000 from the New Hampshire Department of Safety Homeland Security Grant Program into Police Grant Activity "New Hampshire Homeland Security Grants" for the purpose of reimbursing the City for overtime, backfill costs, equipment and allowable specialized training expenses.

**Approved as to account
number and/or structure, and
amount:**

Financial Services Division

By: 

Approved as to form:

Office of Corporation Counsel

By: 

Date: 24 August 2023



RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021-2025 TO AMEND ROUND 4 CDBG-CV FUNDING UNDER THE 2020 CARES ACT

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand Twenty-Three

WHEREAS the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) included funding to be distributed pursuant to section 106 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5306) to grantees that received allocations pursuant to that same formula in federal fiscal year 2020;

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds to the City of Nashua to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus;

WHEREAS HUD has awarded the City \$168,968 under Round Four CDBG-CV funding;

WHEREAS, in Resolution R-22-057, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua approved Round Four CDBG-CV CARES Act funding in the amount of \$168,968 for the following activities: Family Promise of Southern NH - \$25,742.27; Hillsborough County Child Advocacy Center - \$25,742.27; United Way of Greater Nashua - \$20,328.11; Lamprey Health Care - \$25,742.26; Boys and Girls Club - \$25,742.26; Nashua Children's Home - \$25,742.26; and the Youth Council - \$19,928.57; and

WHEREAS the United Way activity was determined to be ineligible for CDBG-CV funding subsequent to R-22-057 and the received bids for the Nashua Children's Home and the Youth Council are higher than the CDBG-CV funds awarded to these projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that the following CDBG-CV activities shall be amended:

RESOLUTION

R-23-156

1. These CDBG-CV balances are available and shall be reprogrammed:

United Way of Greater Nashua	\$20,328.11
Nashua Children’s Home	\$25,742.26
The Youth Council	\$19,928.57
TOTAL	\$65,998.94

2. United Way: decrease funding from \$20,328.11 to \$0.

3. Nashua Children’s Home: increase funding from \$25,742.26 to \$43,953.48, utilizing the reprogrammed funds listed above.

4. The Youth Council: increase funding from \$19,928.57 to \$22,045.46, utilizing the reprogrammed funds listed above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized to execute all understandings, assurances, and agreements, as required therein.

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2023

RESOLUTION:

R-23-156

PURPOSE:

Amending the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2021-2025 to amend Round 4 CDBG-CV funding under the 2020 CARES Act

SPONSOR(S):

Mayor Jim Donchess

**COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENT:**

Human Affairs Committee

FISCAL NOTE:

None.

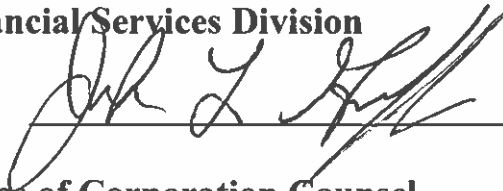
ANALYSIS

This resolution authorizes the City to amend the CARES Act Round 4 CDBG-CV funding allocations as described in the resolution.

Approved as to account structure, number and amount:

Financial Services Division

By:



Approved as to form:

Office of Corporation Counsel

By:



Date:

