

I just received word from Mary Stahlke at the Texas Homeless Network that TDHCA is not holding a competition for ESG funding this year; they will be awarding to current subrecipients only. Presumably to save time, as TDHCA has a lot of pandemic funding to administer as well.



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From: Mattingly, Shannon
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 11:34 AM
To: Griffith, Carol <CGriffith@sanmarcostx.gov>; Hernandez, Amanda <AHernandez@sanmarcostx.gov>
Cc: Pantalion, Joe <JPantalion@sanmarcostx.gov>
Subject: RE: DRAFT ANSWER FOR AGENDA ITEM 29

This looks good. I am copying Joe as well on this e-mail.

From: Griffith, Carol <CGriffith@sanmarcostx.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 11:30 AM
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Here's my draft answer for Joe on this question. This is item 29 on the agenda this evening. I have some more research/calculations I'll do for additional details by this evening but wanted to get this out there asap.

Joe,

The short answer for this is that CDBG has very limited funding for administration, and no funding is currently available to support another staff member. With CDBG, as with other federal grants, a percentage (20%) can be spent on general administration, and some staff time can be charged to projects.

The primary funding option for this proposed position is the CRF-General Fund money that has been set aside to build staff capacity. Some of this funding could be allocated to a non-profit through a competitive process that specifies the work that is desired – coordinating among non-profits, leading next steps for the homeless coalition, helping set up a network of emergency services, etc. It could also be used to fund a City staff member. It would be best to do the needs assessment first, then use that to inform the details of the work scope for this position.

Another possible option for funding is an Emergency Solutions Grant through TDHCA. This may not provide everything that's needed: 7.5% of the grant can be used for general administration, and the expectation is the remainder of the grant (could be \$50,000 to \$300,000) would be used on programs, with staff able to charge their time to program operations and administration. Either a non-profit or the City could apply for this grant. The application process was held in June last year so I assume it will be in June again this year. I recommend that a non-profit apply for this grant, if they are ready to work on programs for the homeless, since this grant would be primarily focused on that category of public services.

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From: Pantalion, Joe

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Subject: FW: Agenda item for next meeting

FYI

From: Lumbreras, Bert

Sent: Sunday, May 9, 2021 3:06 PM

To: Derrick, Melissa <MDerrick@sanmarcostx.gov>; Baker, Maxfield <MBaker@sanmarcostx.gov>; Stapp, Chase <CStapp@sanmarcostx.gov>

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Subject: Re: Agenda item for next meeting

Melissa,

Please provide me the exact wording if you would like for May 18th so I can place as a Council discussion item requested by 2 Council members. As an FYI, we have 2 items on the WS already which are for the budget and senior freeze. Also the PH and items to discuss for the CDBG action plan for this coming year.

Just let me know sometime in the morning.

Thanks and let me know if questions. Take care.

Bert

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From: Derrick, Melissa <MDerrick@sanmarcostx.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 7, 2021 11:50 AM
To: Lumbreras, Bert; Baker, Maxfield; Stapp, Chase
Cc: Hughson, Jane; Pantalion, Joe; Migl, Hayden
Subject: Re: Agenda item for next meeting

Bert,

This isn't just for our homeless population; I wouldn't be surprised if we get flooding sooner than later with the way our weather has been - this is also about response to emergencies for all people in SMTX by our non-profits. An employee could also oversee a homeless needs assessment and assist with grants and they'd not be hired for 8 months. If we just bring it up I believe it has less chance to get consensus and would prefer that it be an agenda item now or at our work session with staff input so staff isn't flatfooted either. Can we ask for this topic to be part of the next work session instead?

I don't want to drop bombs in the middle of a meeting where no cc member knows what to think, it was my understanding that you wanted to see that as well. I just wanted to make sure we got it done prior to any more meetings in regards to budget or CDBG funds.

Thanks,

From: Lumbreras, Bert <BLumbreras@sanmarcostx.gov>
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CM Derrick,

In my perspective, this is not something you need to place as a discussion item from Council for several reasons.

First, we have two agenda items for May 18th that you will have the benefit of bringing up this issue with the rest of the Council and if agreement, provide direction to staff. We have a Work Session item to provide an update on the budget, discuss previous areas Council had an interest and certainly you can tee it up as one to add. But primarily, which is where I would suggest, we also have a staff presentation and PH for the selection of proposed activities for about \$755,351 in CDBG funds for FY 21-22. Certainly we always take direction from Council here. In my mind, it needs and should follow the process along with citizen input so staff and Council can weight all the different requests and priorities as well as be transparent. I can have staff determine if funds can be used for this purpose to be on the ready.

Also, I will mention that without the benefit of having a real good Homeless Needs assessment from a neutral and unbiased vantage point, I am not prepared to provide any recommendations on the best needs to address in this very important area of homelessness. In my mind, without having a good plan knowing what the total landscape looks like, what are the true needs, gaps and where is the best place for the city to invest with what I believe are very limited resources, we will have a tough time making the right call. Without a doubt and I will be the first to say, we have tremendous needs in this critical area, the question is, where is the best place to invest, start and make sure we are beginning with a good foundation for the right model! I would hate for us to start along the same path as cities like Austin and we know where that gets you! Just my thoughts and being up front with how I view this after having to directly involved in homelessness for many years.

I want to be clear. I am not saying this should not be brought up but you have two but one primarily avenue to put this out for the rest of the Council coming up on May 18th and with Council agreement, provide direction to staff.

Happy to visit with you if you have time this morning! Let me know.

Take care!

Bert

From: Baker, Maxfield
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 12:06 PM
To: Lumbreras, Bert <BLumbreras@sanmarcostx.gov>; Stapp, Chase <CStapp@sanmarcostx.gov>; Derrick, Melissa <MDerrick@sanmarcostx.gov>
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Subject: Re: Agenda item for next meeting

Yes, we have talked about this and I agree with the need. I would like to provide the second and hope this can get on the agenda soon.

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From: Derrick, Melissa <MDerrick@sanmarcostx.gov>
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All,

CM Baker and I have been brainstorming about how to get our homeless Coalition moving and get all of our non-profits on the same page before the next emergency arises, without demanding so much time of Director Stapp, the ER director, and Executive team - all of you have SO much

EXTRA on your workload due to Covid. I know that either the city or HOME Center will acquire the HSM (can't remember the other letters) and we'll need get everyone trained and have someone to answer questions as they work through the system, but what we need to most is someone to "un-silo" all the non-profits and help them with grants supported by the city to give them more legitimacy. It would likely only be for a period of about 2 years, unless it proves invaluable.

We talked about taking \$100K per year from CDBG funds to fund the salary, fringe, computer etc. We could have just brought this up during budgeting, but felt it best not catch everyone flat footed by having an agenda item which allows for discussion and direction to staff. Max will be my 2nd for this item. We didn't mean to force it on the agenda, but only just realized when talking Tuesday that we only had until today for it to make it on the next agenda and feel it's pretty a pretty urgent need. I know it's not the city's job to provide social services, but believe if the city doesn't step up and help push things a long we'll never have a clean running system of non-profits in town. We just need to move the needle and the rest should flow naturally.

Thanks!



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