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FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



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File ID 22-115, 10:05 A.M.

HEARING to obtain public comments regarding community needs for consideration in the development of the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan and HOME-American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan for federal funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Community Planning and Development (HUD CPD).

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Amanda Martin

10:05 Am

From: Nicole Linder [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 10:24 AM
To: Clerk
Cc: Nicole Linder
Subject: Public comment in response to January 27, 2022 Agenda Item 22-115

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Dear Mayor Dyer and members of the Fresno City Council,

In response to Item 22-115 on the January 27, 2022 agenda (today), we are encouraging the City to increase ESG (homeless outreach and emergency shelter) funding to the maximum amount allowable by HUD. For several years we have made this request and also did so at the most recent FMCOC meeting. By increasing this amount, it aligns with the priorities as listed in the 5-year annual action plan. Although there are currently increased resources for emergency shelter, that hasn't always been the case. Often times, these ESG funds are the *only* eligible funds to provide direct emergency shelter for homeless individuals in our community. In the past, these are the most competitively applied for resources and alternatively, in most recent years, rapid rehousing has been undersubscribed. Therefore, it makes sense to decrease rapid rehousing allocations and increase ESG to the maximum allowed amount. The funding to purchase motels for emergency shelter in Project Home Key round 1 allowed for temporary emergency shelter with a plan to transition to permanent housing. Therefore, the community will not likely have the depth and volume of resources to provide emergency shelter that we have now (which we can all agree is STILL not enough) into the future. Increasing ESG allows us not only meet for current emergency shelter needs but to be proactive in planning for this transition.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Nicole Linder
Executive Director
Marjaree Mason Center
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