

## SUMMARY OF STAFF REPORT FOR ITEM #21-197

February 4, 2021

### ITEM SUBJECT:

Actions pertaining to supplemental funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development Office of Community Planning and Development (HUD CPD) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus:

1. \*\*\*RESOLUTION – Adopting Substantial Amendment 2019-06 to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan and COVID-19 Amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan to submit a request to HUD to program \$7,980,086 of Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19); approving allocations to activities in accordance therewith; and authorizing the City Manager or designee to sign all implementing documents as approved to form by the City Attorney (Subject to Mayor's veto)
2. Approve first revision of ESG-CV Activity Allocations to allocate \$5,960,899 of Emergency Solutions Grant-Coronavirus, 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche (ESG-CV2) to activities to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the Coronavirus among homeless populations and persons at risk of homelessness; and authorizing the City Manager or designee to sign all implementing documents as approved to form by the City Attorney
3. \*\*\*RESOLUTION – Adopting the 59th amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2020-159 appropriating \$3,796,000 for COVID-19-related CDBG activities (Requires 5 affirmative votes) (Subject to Mayor's veto)

### SUMMARY:

- Today the City Council is taking formal action needed to receive additional HUD entitlement funds for the City's respond to COVID-19.
- The \$7.98 million CDBG-CV amendment serves as the City's application for that funding, and is being programmed to coordinate with the first revision of the ESG-CV Activity Allocations, which the City Council is also considering today.
- Taken together, the funding will provide homeless and homelessness prevention activities including support for four new emergency shelter sites recently acquired by the City of Fresno and the Fresno Housing Authority representing 387 beds to the City of Fresno homeless response; deposit assistance for those exiting homelessness; tenant and landlord counseling services; and access to medical services in underserved neighborhoods.