



Legislation Text

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Consider recommendations regarding the Action Plan Substantial Amendment, and the Execution of Agreement with United Way of Santa Barbara County (United Way) to Implement an Emergency Rental Assistance Program Utilizing Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Funds, as follows:

- a) Determine that an Urgent Need exists in Santa Barbara County due to the effects of COVID-19 and that the uses of CDBG-CV funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus are designed to address the Urgent Need, retroactive to January 27, 2020 as the date that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a national public health emergency;
- b) Determine that an Emergency Rental Assistance Program (hereinafter referred to as “ERAP” or the “Program”) is designed to alleviate existing conditions; that those existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and are of recent origin or recently became urgent; and that the County is unable to finance the activity on its own, and that other sources of funds are not available;
- c) Approve the Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 Action Plan, which 1) adds the Urgent Need National Objective, and 2) adds the use of \$1,165,366.00 in federal Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus round 3 funds (CDBG-CV3) for the Program, of which 20% will be used by the County to cover administrative costs, and direct staff to submit the Substantial Amendment to Housing and Urban Development (HUD);
- d) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a County CDBG-CV Subrecipient Agreement United Way to include any remaining CDBG-CV1 funds (estimated to be in the amount of \$233,105.00) and \$932,293.00 in CDBG-CV3 funds, for a total of up to \$1,165,398.00, for the administration and implementation of the Program to provide qualifying County, Buellton, Carpinteria, Guadalupe, and Solvang residents with emergency rental assistance payments related to the coronavirus; and
- e) Determine that the recommended actions are not the acceptance and approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the project is a creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.