

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: February 13, 2024

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Patrice Toney, Assistant City Manager
Shantell McClam, Neighborhood Services Director

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Authorizing Award of CARES Act Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) Funds for Motel Vouchers for Families Experiencing Homelessness

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods

Strategic Objective: Expand Housing Assistance Programs

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic the City of Winston-Salem was awarded \$2,676,693 in Community Development Block Grant funds through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (CDBG-CV funds). These funds must be used for CDBG-eligible activities, such as public services, and prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. CDBG-CV funds have an expenditure deadline of June 2026.

The Neighborhood Services Department is requesting additional funds in the amount of \$120,000 to provide motel vouchers for unsheltered families experiencing homelessness during frigid weather in FY24. United Way of Forsyth County will assist families. Neighborhood Services will administer the funds.

Committee Action:

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