

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: August 8, 2022

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

From: Patrice Toney, Assistant City Manager
Marla Newman, Community Development Director

Council Action Requested:
Resolution Authorizing Recapture and Reallocation of Certain CARES Act Funds

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods
Strategic Objective: No
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic the City of Winston-Salem has been awarded \$2,676,693 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funds and \$2,708,005 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funds through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. In addition, the City was awarded \$1,792,116 in NC ESG-CV funds by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC ESG-CV). The City awarded these funds to non-profit agencies, including Bethesda Center for the Homeless. The ESG-CV funds have tight expenditure deadlines. The City has met the deadline to expend 20% of ESG-CV funds by September 30, 2021, and the deadline to expend 50% by June 16, 2022. The remaining deadlines are to expend 100% of all funds by September 30, 2023.

Eligible activities for ESG-CV funds include shelter services, shelter operations, street outreach, vaccine incentives, personal protective equipment, rapid rehousing services, homelessness prevention funds, and landlord incentives.

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 8/8/22	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks:

As part of the Community Development Department's tracking and monitoring process to ensure all funds are appropriately expended by the deadline, staff determined that Bethesda Center may not be able to spend all of the funds awarded to it in a timely manner and that recapturing and reallocating funds is necessary to support continuing work responding to the pandemic. A resolution to recapture funds from Bethesda Center for the Homeless and reallocate funds as indicated in Exhibit A and a project budget ordinance are presented for consideration.