

**City Council – Action Request Form**

**Date:** August 15, 2023

**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

**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. Neighborhood Services is requesting to provide additional funds and to extend the United Way of Forsyth County agreement for Diversion and Homelessness Prevention assistance in the amount of \$45,000 with CDBG-CV funds. Since 2014 per the Continuum of Care Governance Charter, United Way acts as the Coordinated Entry lead for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Continuum of Care. The Coordinated Entry lead manages the central access point for those experiencing homelessness or housing instability and assists individuals with connecting to local supportive services and emergency housing to help prevent and end their homelessness.

Committee Action:

<b>Committee</b>	<u>CD/H/GG 8/14/2023</u>	<b>Action</b>	<u>Approval</u>
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