

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: May 25, 2017

To: The City Manager

From: D. Ritchie Brooks, Director – Community Development Department

Council Action Requested:

Authorize extension of the Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) grant to United Way of Forsyth County, Inc.

Summary of Information:

The City of Winston-Salem was awarded \$177,368 in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for housing and shelter for the homeless. These funds were approved by the Mayor and City Council for agencies to spend in FY17. These funds must be expended and drawn from the U.S. Treasury no later than June 30, 2018 or be recaptured by HUD. United Way of Forsyth County, Inc. (United Way) was awarded \$72,587 of these funds for the rapid rehousing program. This includes staff costs for housing location and stabilization services and temporary financial assistance, which is primarily utility payments and deposits, but may also be used for rent, application fees, security deposits, and moving costs.

United Way has indicated that since the subgrantee agreement was delayed it will not expend the entire grant by the June 30, 2017 deadline and has requested an extension of the term. The projected balance as of June 30th will be approximately \$17,000, and these funds cannot be used for emergency shelter, or the City will exceed HUD's cap, which limits emergency shelter to 60% of ESG funds. With the expected delay in FFY 2017 funds, extension of the agreement would enable United Way to continue to pay clients' utilities and other program costs so that clients can obtain and maintain stable housing. All other programs are on track to spend their full allocations and do not need extensions. An appropriate resolution is attached.

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 6/12/17	Action	Approval
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Remarks: