City Council – Action Request Form

Date: September 13, 2021

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 allocations through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) of \$2,676,693 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funds and \$2,708,005 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. In addition, the City was awarded \$1,792,116 in 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, Inc. 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. The remaining deadlines are to expend 80% of funds by March 31, 2022 and 100% of funds by September 30, 2022.

As part of the Community Development Department's tracking and monitoring process and to improve the expenditure rate, 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 and exhibit A containing the proposed recapture and reallocation of funds and a project budget ordinance are presented.

Committee Action:			
Committee	Finance 9/13/2021	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	
Remarks:			