



Council Agenda Item 26-0055R

MEETING DATE: January 26, 2026

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) FUNDS FOR THE 2026 PROGRAM YEAR.

SUBMITTED BY: Jenn Moses, Manager of Planning and Development

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Community Development (CD) Committee approved estimated funding recommendations for the FY 2026 HUD Program on December 16, 2025, and this resolution reflects the recommendations of the CD Committee.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: None

BACKGROUND: The City of Duluth is an entitlement community and receives yearly ESG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist people with quickly regaining stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness. The City is required to conduct a public process and submit an action plan to HUD outlining how the funds are to be used in a timely manner. In order to meet HUD's timelines, the City establishes initial funding awards based on funding estimates and then revises those amounts when the final allocations are announced. \$207,000 is estimated for 2026.

The CD Committee is the body that oversees the public process and provides recommendations on funding. As part of that process, on December 16, 2025, the CD Committee finalized funding recommendations, which included a contingency plan if more or less funds were awarded from HUD.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: Council authorizes the distribution of 2026 Emergency Solution Grant Funds for the projects identified in the resolution.

OPTIONS: Authorize the awards and contract or forego authorization and withhold funding awards to projects.

NECESSARY ACTION: Authorize the award amounts and contracts.

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment 1, Attachment 2