

City of Duluth

Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REVISED 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR HUD FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), HOME PROGRAM (HOME), AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM (ESG) PROGRAM FUNDS.

CITY PROPOSAL:

WHEREAS, Regulation 24 CFR Part 91 issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the city to submit and receive HUD approval of an annual action plan as part of a HUD-approved five-year consolidated plan for the city of Duluth; and

WHEREAS, Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, establishes a community development block grant (CDBG) program for the purpose of developing viable urban communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities and preventing and/or eliminating conditions of slum and blight, principally for persons of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS, the city of Duluth desires to continue to carry out HUD-funded programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the FY 2019 action plan portion of FY 2015-2019 city of Duluth consolidated plan for housing and community development required by HUD federal legislation are hereby adopted and approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Duluth hereby makes a finding that expenditures as set forth in Resolution 19-0410R are necessary and appropriate and, further, that said expenditures for the CDBG program will serve to assist low- and moderate-income individuals/families (no less than 70 percent as described in federal regulations) and/or serve to prevent or eliminate conditions of slum or blight in the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth hereby makes a finding that expenditures as set forth in resolutions 19-0415R and 19-0412R are necessary and appropriate and, further, that said expenditures for the HOME and ESG programs will serve to assist low- and moderate-income people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth and its officials are authorized and directed to assume full responsibility for assuring that its community development program is carried out in full compliance with the provisions of the acts implementing the programs and all regulations of HUD issued pursuant thereto and authorizing appropriate city officials to execute any documents with HUD to implement the program. This authorization shall also apply to existing programs with the city and HUD under the HUD CDBG, HOME and ESG programs.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution approves the revised annual Action Plan portion of the 2015-2019 consolidated plan for the city. The action plan was approved based on estimates by council on February 11, 2019 with Resolution 19-0062R. The action plan sets forth FY 2019 funding and allows opportunity for comments from organizations and citizens as related to said funding for three HUD-funded programs: the community development block grant program (CDBG), the HOME program (HOME), and the emergency solutions grants program (ESG). The recommendations contained in this resolution were developed based on

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consideration of citizen comments, the public hearing held on December 4, 2018, surveys, and the deliberations of the community development committee (CD committee).

The original funding amounts were based on funding estimates. HUD officially notified the city of the FY 2019 funding amounts on April 22, 2019 which was an overall increase of \$152,830 from the original estimate. In addition to the 30-day public comment period from November 3, 2018 to December 3, 2018 and public hearing on December 4, 2018, the city held an additional hearing on May 28, 2019 and public comment period from May 12, 2019 - June 10, 2019 to hear comments on the revised funding recommendations. The resolution, in addition to authorizing application for grant funds and administration of same when received, also takes the following actions:

- (a) Approves a 2019 annual action plan portion of the 2015-2019 consolidated plan under HUD regulations;
 - (b) Allocates funds to the projects as listed for the 2019 CDBG program;
 - (c) Allocates funds for the 2019 HOME and ESG Programs; and
 - (d) Authorizes execution of documents with HUD.

Source of funds:

\$2,375,204 in new 2019 CDBG funds 541,106 in new 2019 HOME funds 200,644 in new 2019 ESG funds

\$3,116,954 2019 community development program total