



Recommendation for Action

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9/17/2020

Posting Language

Ratify a master agreement with multiple grantees to provide emergency outreach for COVID-19 impacted households who are in need of emergency rental assistance through the Relief for Emergency Needs of Tenants program, not to exceed \$400,000 for the term of August 17, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Lead Department

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$400,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Neighborhood Housing and Community Development's Operating Budget. This item has no fiscal impact.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

On March 6, 2020, a Declaration of Local Disaster was issued by Mayor Adler to allow the City to take measures to avoid the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) across the city and county. On March 13, 2020, Governor Abbott issued a Declaration of State of Disaster that allowed for additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The Stay Home - Work Safe Order was issued March 24, 2020, to establish social distancing, and was extended on July 3, 2020. These grants will expand outreach to vulnerable populations by providing information about programs and services available through RENT 2.0 for households impacted by COVID-19 who are in need of rental assistance. Grants to qualifying organizations will not exceed \$50,000 per organization.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.