



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3663, **Agenda Item #:** 32.

12/10/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a one-year agreement with El Buen Samaritano for rental arrears assistance, moving, storage, and tenant relocation services for COVID-19-impacted households in an amount not to exceed \$880,000.

Lead Department

Housing and Planning Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$880,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Housing and Planning Department'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 Abbot issued a Declaration of State of Disaster that allowed for additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Since March, various state and local COVID-related orders designed to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 required individuals to stay home and work safe. As a result, many households lost wages or employment, which makes these households vulnerable to eviction. In order to provide needed rental arrears assistance, moving, storage, and tenant relocation services to households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, City staff recommends negotiating and executing a contract for \$880,000 with El Buen Samaritano.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.