



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1076, Agenda Item #: 41.

1/27/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to extend an agreement with El Buen Samaritano to September 30, 2022, and to modify the type of rental payments and households eligible for assistance, 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.

Prior Council Action:

Approved the Fiscal 2020-2021 Housing and Planning Operating Budget.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

On December 10, 2020, Council authorized an agreement with El Buen Samaritano for services to COVID-19-impacted households related to rental arrears assistance, moving, storage, and tenant relocation services. On that same date, Council authorized an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$880,000. Due to available funding from the federal government including CARES, ERA1 and ERA2 the funds from this Program were not expended. However, now federal resources have been expended and City staff recommends negotiating and executing an amended contract with El Buen Samaritano through September 30, 2022. This amendment would use the remaining funds in this contract for rental assistance (arrears, current, and future), moving, storage, and tenant relocation services to assist households vulnerable to eviction or unstable and serve eligible households regardless of whether the household was impacted by COVID-19.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.