



## Recommendation for Action

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7/28/2022

### Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the agreement with El Buen Samaritano for services to households that are vulnerable to eviction to extend the term to March 31, 2023 and add additional funding in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,130,000.

### Lead Department

Housing and Planning Department.

### Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$250,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Housing and Planning Department's Operating Budget. A fiscal note is attached.

### Prior Council Action:

January 27, 2022 - Council authorized 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.

December 10, 2020 - Council authorized 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.

### For More Information:

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### Additional Backup Information:

In December 2020, Council authorized a one-year agreement with El Buen Samaritano for \$880,000 to provide rental arrears assistance, moving, storage, and tenant relocation services to COVID-19-impacted households (the "Agreement"). In January 2022, Council authorized an amendment to the Agreement, which extended the Agreement to September 30, 2022, allowed the remaining funds in the Agreement to be used for a broader range of rental assistance (arrears, current, and future), and allowed El Buen Samaritano to assist eligible households that are unstable or vulnerable to eviction regardless of whether the households were impacted by COVID-19.

To date, El Buen Samaritano has assisted 113 households with funds totaling \$439,194.37. Due to the demand for assistance, staff recommends adding an additional \$250,000 in funds to the Agreement and extending the Agreement by six months to March 31, 2023.

### Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.