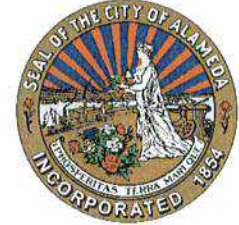


June 2, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Christine Chilcott, President
Social Service Human Relations Board

Subject: Social Service Human Relations Board FY 2020-2021 CDBG
Public Services Allocation Recommendations



As an advisor to the City Council, it is the role of the Social Service Human Relations Board (SSHRB) to assess the community's social and support service needs and establish strategies to address those needs. In 1997, Council also tasked SSHRB to participate in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process by reviewing and commenting on residents' public service needs and forwarding recommendations to Council on the CDBG Non-Housing Public Services funding.

On January 7, 2020, SSHRB presented the CDBG stakeholder input to the City Council that included the need to address, among others, affordable housing, fair housing, food security, homelessness services, and mental health. The SSHRB needs statement letter presented to Council also discussed the current status of services being provided to residents of Alameda, emerging issues that need attention, and possible gaps in services. This guided the Notification of Funding Availability for CDBG Public Services issued by the Alameda Housing Authority soliciting proposal from qualified providers to deliver services to residents of Alameda. SSHRB members reviewed the proposals and concurred with staff's recommendations on the allocation of CDBG Public Services funding to community service providers.

Below is a summary of the CDBG Public Services recommendations for funding with two-year agreements (FYs 2020-2021 & 2021-22).

APPLICANT	PROGRAM	RECOMMENDED FUNDING
Alameda Family Services	Mental Health	\$50,000
Alameda Food Bank	Emergency Food Distribution	\$27,638
Building Futures with Women & Children	Midway Shelter Domestic Violence Support & Homeless Prevention	\$82,899
Eden I&R	2-1-1 Information & Referral	\$24,480
Family Violence Law Center	Legal Advice, Crisis Counseling	\$21,313
Legal Assistance for Seniors	Legal Services and Presentations for Seniors	\$21,313
TOTAL		\$382,643

Recognizing that the coronavirus and the accompanying shelter-in-place orders are impacting Alamedans' physical, mental, and financial health, SSHRB further recommends one-year allocations for the immediate implementation of the following programs:

PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR	PROGRAM	RECOMMENDED FUNDING
Alameda Food Bank	Emergency Food Distribution	\$ 50,000
Building Futures with Women & Children	Emergency Rent Relief	\$713,116
Building Futures with Women & Children	Emergency Case Management for Chronically Homeless	\$ 25,000
Family Violence Law Center	Emergency Center	\$ 50,000
TOTAL		\$838,116

We are currently living in an unprecedented time that threatens the safety, security, and health of our nation. Now, more than ever, services that provide a safety net for our community is sorely needed. The programs recommended for CDBG Public Services presented here will provide critical support for Alameda's chronically homeless individuals, families struggling to retain their housing, older adults in a crisis, and victims of domestic violence and their children seeking refuge. These vital services are immensely important during this terrible COVID-19 pandemic and after the crisis is abated and our nation recovers.

Alameda is standing together as a unified community to weather this crisis. Service providers and their staff that work directly with those that need assistance in these challenging times are the heart and soul of our community. We can do our part by supporting our community service agencies by providing the resources they need to do their important mission. The City Council will no doubt join SSHRB in supporting the service providers recommended here for funding. Thank you for your consideration, and we hope that you and your loved ones stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,



Christine Chilcott, President
Social Service Human Relations Board