

City Council

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To: Mesa City Council

Through: Natalie Lewis, Deputy City Manager
Ruth Giese, Community Services Director

From: Mary Brandon, Community Services Deputy Director

Subject: 2020 CORONAVIRUS Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Administrative Fee Grant Funds

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to provide information for the Mesa City Council to approve and authorize the City Manager to accept, expend, and distribute grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) based on the CARES Act Administrative Fee grant funds in the total amount of \$529,649.

Background

The City of Mesa Housing Services (MHA) has been awarded additional administrative fee grant funding under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

MHA received the award of administrative fees was distributed in two rounds for the Housing Choice Voucher and Mainstream Voucher Programs. Round 1, in the amount of \$13,816 for Mainstream Vouchers and the amount of \$215,372 for Housing Choice Vouchers; and Round 2, in the amount of \$18,973 for Mainstream Vouchers and the amount of \$281,488 for Housing Choice Vouchers. The Consolidated Annual Contributions Contract (CACC) with HUD will be amended with this additional administrative fee grant funding.

Discussion

MHA will expend the funds for technology, extensive landlord outreach, salaries for COVID activities, supplies and office enhancements for the safety of employees and customers.

These funds will be administered in accordance with the CARES Act requirements, HUD regulations and MHA administrative policies.

Alternatives

The alternative is to not accept the federal grants, which will result in a negative impact with HUD and the loss of an opportunity to assist with administrative costs due to the impact of COVID-19.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City. The funds are awarded by HUD and the funding fully supports the voucher programs.