Monterey County

TELEPHONIC MEETING



Meeting Agenda - Final

Friday, December 18, 2020

10:00 AM

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD BY TELEPHONE ONLY

Monterey County Urban Standing Committee

Supervisor John M. Phillips Supervisor Chris Lopez

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING COVID 19

entering the following meeting ID: 950 1997 0509

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- 1. You are strongly encouraged to observe the live stream of the Urban County Standing Committee meeting at https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/95019970509? pwd=ZDJ0WU95eWdZbXF1VWJkU1RJZCs2Zz09 If you do not have access to a computer, you may still call into the meeting and participate by calling the following number: 1 669 900 6833, and
- 2. If you choose not to attend the Urban County Standing Committee meeting but wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please submit your comment, limited to 250 words or less via email by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2020. Please submit your comment to Anita Nachor at nachoram@co.monterey.ca.us. To assist Ms. Nachor in identifying the agenda item relating to your public comment, please indicate in the Subject Line the meeting body and item number (e.g., Urban County Standing Committee Agenda, Item No. 3). Your comment will be placed into the record at the Committee meeting.
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AVISO IMPORTANTE RESPECTO A COVID 19

En conformidad con la Orden Ejecutiva No. N-25-20 del Gobernador Newsom, cualquiera o todos los Supervisores pueden participar en la reunión por teléfono o videoconferencia. Basado en la orientación del Departamento de Salud Pública de California y la Oficina del Gobernador de California, con el fin de minimizar la propagación del virus COVID 19, por favor haga lo siguiente: 1. Se le recomienda fuertemente que observe la transmisión en vivo de la reunión del Comité

- Permanente del Condado Urbano en https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/95019970509? pwd=ZDJ0WU95eWdZbXF1VWJkU1RJZCs2Zz09 Si no tiene acceso a una computadora, puede llamar a la reunión y participar llamando al siguiente número: 1 669 900 6833 e introduciendo el siguiente código de acceso: 950 1997 0509
- 2. Si decide no asistir a la reunión del Comité Permanente del Condado Urbano pero desea hacer un comentario sobre un punto específico del orden del día, envíe su comentario, limitado a 250 palabras o menos por correo electrónico antes de las 5:00 p.m. del jueves 17 de diciembre del 2020. Por favor, envíe su comentario a nachoram@co.monterey.ca.us. Para ayudar al Sra. Nachor a identificar el punto del orden del día relativo a su comentario público, por favor de indicar en la línea de asunto el comité de la reunión y el número de punto (por ejemplo, el orden del Comité Permanente del Condado Urbano, tema No 3.. Su comentario se pondrá en el expediente en la reunión del Comité.
- 3. Si está viendo la transmisión en vivo de la reunión del Comité Permanente del Condado Urbano y desea hacer un comentario público general para los elementos que no están en el orden del día o

comentar un punto específico del orden mientras se escucha, seleccione la opción "levanter la mano" en la pantalla Zoom, y su micrófono no estará silenciado para que pueda hablar. Para seleccionar la opción "levantar la mano", haga clic en el icono "participantes" en la parte inferior de la pantalla de Zoom y, después, haga clic en el icono "levantar la mano" junto a su nobre.

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Call to Order

Roll Call

Public Comment Period

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Committee on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Committee.

Approval of Action Minutes

1.

Approve the Monterey County Urban Standing Committee Draft Action Minutes of April 24, 2020.

<u>Attachments:</u> 2020-4-24 Urban Standing Committee Draft Action Minutes

Regular Agenda

2.

- a. Review and approve Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CV3, Cares
 Act funding recommendation and approve this Amendment to the FY 19/20

 Action Plan.
- b. Approve the staff recommendation to utilize CARES Act CDBG-CV3 funds in the amount of \$1,049,326 to provide rental assistance to eligible applicants.

Attachments: 2020-12-18 - Urban County Cmte- Staff Report

Adjournment

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MONTEREY URBAN COUNTY STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Friday, April 24, 2020 9:00 AM Via Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Supervisors John Phillips and Chris Lopez

Other Jurisdictions Represented: None

Staff Present: Rosa Camacho-Chavez, Darby Marshall, Anita Nachor, and Anastacia Wyatt

Others Present:

Kellie Morgantini, Legal Services for Seniors, Jack Murphy, Veterans Transition Center, Marjorie Rocha, Echo Housing, Regina Gage, Meals on Wheels.

Call to Order:

Supervisor Chris Lopez asked that the record show that both County members were present. Supervisor Lopez called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Chris Lopez present on the phone call. Supervisor John Phillips present on phone call.

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Action Minutes

1. Approve the Monterey County Standing Committee Draft Action Minutes April 17, 2020.

Action: Supervisor Lopez moved that the minutes of April 17, 2020 meeting be approved. The motion was approved without objection, minutes were accepted.

Regular Agenda:

Review and approve Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Cares Act funding recommendations and approve a Substantial Amendment to include the CARES Act funding in the amount of \$816,541 into the Fiscal Year 19/20 Action Plan.

Anastacia Wyatt gave an update on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Cares Act funding. Discussion Held.

Action: Supervisor Lopez recommended sending the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Cares Act funding recommendations and Substantial Amendment to include the CARES Act funding in the amount of \$816,541 into the Fiscal Year 19/20 Action Plan to the full Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Phillips Seconded, approved and submitted.

Public Comment:

Regina Gage, Meals on Wheels. Stated that she wished to thank the committee for the funding recommendations. The MASA program started with 12 people, serving up to 200 people a day in addition to our regular program. Also, the local restaurants are thankful that Meals on Wheels have been providing them with financial support, and assisting people in Sheltering in Place by providing and delivering their meals.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 AM.

MONTEREY URBAN COUNTY STANDING COMMITTEE

MEETING:	December 18, 2020	Agenda Item:	2
SUBJECT:	a. Review and approve Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)		
	CV3, Cares Act funding recommendation and approve this		
	Amendment to the FY 19/20 Action Plan.		
	b. Approve the staff recommendation to utilize CARES Act CDBG-CV3		
	funds in the amount of \$1,049,326 to provide rental assistance to		
	eligible applicants.		
DEPARTMENT:	Housing and Community Development (HCD), Housing and		
	Community Development		

RECOMMENDTION

It is recommended that the Urban County Standing Committee:

- a. Review and approve Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-CV3, Cares Act funding recommendation and approve this Amendment to the Fiscal Year 19/20 Action Plan.
- b. Approve the staff recommendation to utilize CARES Act CDBG-CV3 funds in the amount of \$1,049,326 to provide rental assistance to eligible applicants.

SUMMARY & DISCUSSION

On September 28, 2020, the County was notified that HUD released The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act CDBG-CV3 funds in the amount of \$1,049,326. Cares Act funding is intended to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (CDBG-CV grants).

The County reviewed prior recommendations for CARES Act funding on April 17th for programs or projects that prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus. Programs identified and funded were public service food delivery programs, Food Bank, rental assistance, senior programs, acquisition/rehabilitation or rehabilitation of units that can be utilized for to prevent or prepare for and respond to COVID, and other CDBG eligible activities.

CDBG regulations limit the maximum amount of annual grant funding that can be used to fund public services at a maximum of 15%. However, the CARES Act waives the public service cap to meet the needs in the community in the COVID crisis. Staff researched rental assistance programs that are vitally needed at this time.

The Department of Social Services (DSS) and Housing staff began working with the United Way on Rental Assistance programs and have participated in regional rental assistance COVID discussions since April, 2020. The DSS began their rental assistance program with CARES Act Relief funds in October and dedicated \$1,207,830 to this program. To date, the County expects these funds to be expended by December 30, 2020, which is when the CARES Act Relief funds expire. Staff recommend continuing this program with CDBG-CV3 CARES Act funds with the United Way and dedicate the entirety of the allocation to rental assistance.

The CARES Act permits HUD to waive or specify alternative requirements for any provision of any statue or regulations. The Department is also waiving 24 CFR 91.505 to facilitate the use of

the CDBG-CV funds to the extent necessary to require submission of the substantial amendment to HUD for review in accordance with 24 CFR 91.500. On April 17, 2020, the Urban County Standing Committee approved to update the County's Citizen Participation Plan to accommodate the waiver. The County intends to implement specific caveats in the waiver that allow the County to utilize a streamlined substantial amendment process to plan and allocate emergency funding to respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic that include the following:

- Reasonable Noticing: The County will publish a notice on the County of Monterey Housing and Economic Development Division of the County Administrative Office website at least five days prior to the availability of substantial amendment documents for public review and the conducting of a public hearing.
- Public Review Comment: A five-day public comment period will be provided.
- Public Hearing: A virtual public hearing will be considered adequate.

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