

Executive Summary

Background

Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the President signed it on March 27, 2020 authorizing \$2.2 trillion in a variety of stimulus measures to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The law includes \$2 billion for Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) entitlement communities and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement communities. The City of Irvine receives regular formula-based entitlement grants of ESG and CDBG funds through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) each year.

Sources

The City of Irvine will receive the following grants from HUD under the CARES Act:

ESG-CV	\$558,059
CDBG-CV	\$1,255,079

These funds are separate and distinct from the City’s regular ESG and CDBG funds. As of April 22, 2020, HUD continues to release guidance for these programs containing modified program requirements. Subject to the CARES Act and emerging policy from HUD, the City Council is responsible for determining how ESG-CV and CDBG-CV funds will be used to prevent, prepare and respond to the COVID-19 virus. In consultation with the City Manager’s Office and nonprofit organizations serving Irvine residents, this submission to the City Council requests approval to invest CARES Act funding for the ESG-CV and CDBG-CV activities listed below.

Proposed Uses of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV)

Families Forward: Short-Term Rent and Utility Assistance	\$251,127
South County Outreach: Short-Term Rent and Utility Assistance	\$251,127
City of Irvine: ESG-CV Program Administration	\$55,805

Proposed Uses of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV)

Families Forward: Essential Food and Housing Program	\$161,942
Second Harvest Food Bank: Food Program	\$96,380
South County Outreach: Essential Food and Housing Program	\$161,942
City of Irvine: Meals on Wheels	\$282,581
City of Irvine: City Emergency-Related Activities	\$301,219
City of Irvine: CDBG-CV Program Planning and Administration	\$251,015