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Staff Report for a City Council Resolution to Approve Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Agreements Between the City of San Leandro and Two (2) CDBG Sub-Recipients for Public Services Grants to Address COVID-19 Impacts in FY2019-2021: 1) Service Opportunities for Seniors, Inc./SOS/Meals On Wheels (Amended FY2019-2020 Agreement Increased Grant Funding by \$15,000 to \$44,000) and 2) Centro Legal de la Raza for \$451,972 (New FY2020-2021 Agreement for \$451,972 in CDBB-CV to Administer a Rental Assistance Program)

### SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On June 15, 2020, the City Council approved amendments to the federal U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD Annual) FY2019-2020 Annual Action Plan.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a resolution to enter into two (2) grant agreements with the following public service providers, whose funding amounts and CDBG eligible activities summarized below are included in the amended FY2019-2020 Annual Action Plan.

- Service Opportunities for Seniors (SOS), Inc. /Meals on Wheels (\$44,000) - The CDBG agreement attached to the related City Council resolution (File 20-284) amends the existing FY2019-2020 CDBG Agreement by increasing grant funding by \$15,000 to \$44,000 and extending the grant agreement end date from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2021 per streamlined U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirement to address coronavirus or COVID-19 community impacts.
- Centro Legal de la Raza (Rental Assistance Program) (\$451,972) - The \$451,972 are CDBG stimulus funds (CDBG-CV) allocated to CDBG entitlement communities in FY2019-2020 to address the impacts of COVID-19.

### BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Both of these CDBG agreements are part of the CDBG public services budget that were approved by the City Council as part of the FY 2019-2020 HUD Annual Action Plan Amendment adopted by the City Council on June 15, 2020. Below are descriptions of the proposed activities by SOS/Meals on Wheels and Centro Legal de la Raza.

- 1) SOS/Meals on Wheels - *Meal Delivery to Homebound Seniors* - \$44,000
  - a. Additional \$15,000 in CDBG funding (from the original \$29,000 awarded at the start of FY2019-2020) to address unanticipated costs due to provision of support services to low income seniors needing hot meal delivery in response to COVID-19 shelter in place orders.
- 2) Centro Legal de la Raza - Rental Assistance Program - \$451,972
  - a. Provide rental assistance to promote housing stability and to prevent homelessness for

lower income renters seeking rent relief due to impacts from COVID-19.

### **Current Agency Policies**

Current City Council policy is defined by the FY 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan both Amended by Resolution No. 2020-055 on June 15, 2020.

### **Previous Actions**

HUD Five Year Consolidated Plan for 2015-2020: This five year plan was adopted by Resolution No. 2015-080 on April 20, 2015 and amended by Resolution No. 2020-055 on June 15, 2020. One of the priorities identified in the Five-year Consolidated Plan document for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) expenditures is “Community Development Needs - Public Services.” HUD requests that cities identify specific action areas where CDBG funds can be spent. The City proposed to provide operational grant support to non-profit social service providers serving San Leandro residents

HUD FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan: The original Annual Action Plan document was adopted on May 6, 2019. In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the federal CARES Act legislation signed into law on March 27, 2020, this annual plan was amended by Resolution No. 2020-055 on June 15, 2020 by the City Council to provide stimulus funds to community services organizations in response to impacts affecting specific vulnerable populations - homebound seniors and lower income renters -- caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Environmental Review**

By July 1, 2020 National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) environmental reviews of each project will be completed prior to contract execution.

### **Board/Commission Review and Actions**

On April 24, 2019, the Human Services Commission approved staff's recommendations to award SOS/Meals on Wheels for its work providing meals to homebound senior citizens as part of the City's FY2019-2021 Two Year Community Assistance Program (CAP) funding cycle.

### **Fiscal Impacts**

If approved, they will be funded by FY 2019-2020 CDBG monies in the following accounts:

- SOS/Meals on Wheels - Meal Delivery to Homebound Seniors (\$15,000) - 165-43-224-5120. *The \$15,000 reflects a transfer of unused FY2019-2020 CDBG funds originally allocated for the City's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan but were approved for transfer to SOS/Meals on Wheels per City Council approval on June 15, 2020 for the Amendment to the FY2019-2020 HUD Annual Action Plan;*
- Centro Legal de la Raza - Rental Assistance program (\$451,972) - 165-43-254-5120.

### **Budget Authority**

Budget authority for CDBG funds is derived from Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (24 CFR 570 et seq.).

## **ATTACHMENTS**

### **Attachments to Resolution**

- Amended CDBG Grant Agreement for SOS/Meals on Wheels for \$44,000
- CDBG Grant Agreement for Centro Legal de la Raza for \$451,972

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