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Resolution Authorizing Submission of the Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan and Authorize the Use of $2,082,964 in CARES Act Funds

Council Priority: Ensure Fiscal Stewardship, Transparency, & Accountability

Department: Neighborhood Development
Council District: All

Public Hearing: No
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PURPOSE:
As a condition of receiving federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formula grants funds, the City of Greensboro must submit an Annual Action Plan that outlines the implementation of annual funding. The City's Citizen Participation Plan provides requirements for public process when a substantial amendment to the Annual Plan is proposed. Neighborhood Development proposes to substantially amend the 2019-2020 Annual Plan by increasing the allocation of funds by greater than 25% of the City's current fiscal year federal allocation. Additionally, HUD has awarded supplemental funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) that requires programming in the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan.

BACKGROUND:
The Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 Action Plan includes the following revisions to an existing FY 19-20 project and to allocate supplemental funding awarded through the CARES Act:

CARES Act Funding for the City of Greensboro ($*2,082,964*)
Community Development Block Grant CARES (CDBG-CV): $1,329,635
Emergency Solutions Grant CARES (ESG-CV): $675,621
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS CARES (HOPWA-CV): $77,708

Proposed Uses of CARES Act Funds:
Rapid Rehousing: $675,621 (ESG-CV)
Eviction Prevention Pilot Program: $100,000 (CDBG-CV)
Emergency Shelter Costs: $266,000 (CDBG-CV)
Employment Training: $100,000 (CDBG-CV)
Homelessness Prevention in the form of rental, mortgage, and utility assistance: $863,635 (CDBG-CV)
Housing Assistance for Persons with AIDS: $77,708 (HOPWA-CV)

Proposed Changes to FY 2019-2020 HUD Funds:

Citywide Housing Rehabilitation: increase $424,997 to $929,255 (CDBG)

BUDGET IMPACT:
$2,082,964 in new federal CARES Act grant funds will be available to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus needs in Greensboro. Increase the 2019-2020 Housing Rehabilitation project budget by $504,258 in unexpended prior year CDBG funds.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:
Request that Council adopt the attached resolutions to authorize submission of the substantial amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan and authorize the use of CARES Act funds.