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December 22, 2022

The Honorable Tommy Waters Chair and Presiding Officer and Members Honolulu City Council 530 South King Street, Room 202 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Reprogramming of Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program Funds, Amended Twenty-Sixth (26th) Year Action Plan

Pursuant to Section 12(f) of Ordinance 22-13, the Executive Operating Budget and Program for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, and Section 10(f) Ordinance 22-14, the Executive Capital Budget and Program for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, through this letter, the Administration provides notice to the City Council that the Administration is amending the Twenty-Sixth (26th) Year Action Plan to reprogram ESG funds as follows to prevent the lapsing of ESG funds:

Reduction in Funding

Project	Original Amount	Change +/-	New Amount
Family Promise of Hawaii	\$150,000.00	(\$3,206.81) City (\$1,359.25) ESG	\$145,433.94
Emergency Shelter Family Promise of Hawaii	\$100,000.00	(\$25,790.15) ESG	\$74,209.85
Homelessness Prevention			
Gregory House Programs – Rapid Re-Housing	\$37,046.58	(\$6,388.80) ESG	\$30,657.78
IHS, The Institute for Human Services – Homelessness	\$89,496.42	(\$21,073.75) City	\$68,422.67
Prevention IHS, The Institute for Human Services – Rapid Re-Housing	\$189,176.00	(\$104,502.12) City	\$84,673.88
Kalihi-Palama Health Center Homelessness Prevention	\$151,067.00	(\$87,813.91) ESG	\$63,253.09

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Mental Health Kokua – Emergency Shelter Essential Services	\$156,080.00	(\$17,676.60) ESG	\$138,403.40
TOTAL	\$872,866.00	(\$128,782.68) City (\$139,028.71) ESG	\$605,054.61

Increase in Funding

Project	Original Amount	Change +/-	New Amount
Hale Mauliola Emergency Shelter – Essential Services and Operating Costs	\$0.00	\$128,782.68 City	\$128,782.68
Partners in Care (PIC) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$0.00	\$139,028.71 ESG	\$139,028.71
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$267,811.39	\$267,811.39

Resolution No. 20-49, FD1, the City's Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2021 – 2025, as subsequently amended, provides for the reprogramming of United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds in the event that projects recommended for funding are not proceeding in a timely manner or other issues are encountered, which will jeopardize the current and/or future of HUD entitlement programs funding.

Similar to the reasoning provided in Departmental Communication D-142 (22) when the City reprogrammed FY20 ESG and City funds, the effective use of these funds were primarily impacted by the federal and state government eviction moratoriums put in place and the abundant emergency rent and utility relief programs offered by the U.S. Treasury for pandemic related purposes.

In August 2021, as the national and statewide eviction moratoriums were winding down, the State of Hawaii implemented a mandatory mediation period and a schedule of when people in arrears could be issued eviction/mediation notices to prevent an overloading of the court system through Act 57. Based on the new law, tenants with more than four months in arrears due to the pandemic could be noticed as of August 6, 2021, tenants with three months would be noticed starting September 6, 2021, tenants with two months in arrears would be noticed November 6, 2021, and tenants with one month in arrears would be noticed as of January 6, 2022.

At the initial onset of the new law, landlords and provider partners were hesitant about issuing notices because some landlords and provider partners had been taken to court for inappropriately evicting tenants during the pandemic for financial arrears. DCS Community Based Development Division, worked with the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i (LASH) and HUD, Honolulu Community Planning and Development Office, in drafting an eviction notice that would fulfill the State's mandatory mediation requirement as well as meet the "threat to eviction"

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requirement for ESG Homelessness Prevention funds to be used.

Due to the eviction moratorium and the State's newly mandated mediation procedures, even with the assistance and cooperation of HUD and LASH, DCS and its partner subrecipients have had difficulty in expending funds set aside for homelessness prevention. Clients have been either too far in arrears than the program permits or have not followed through on their requirements of the program. Ultimately the program did not generate the volume as anticipated.

DCS has consulted with HUD and has granted DCS' request for an extension of time until January 2023, to allow the City to be able to charge the City matching funds recaptured against eligible ESG expenses in its current Hale Mauliola contract with IHS, and to reprogram the remaining ESG HUD funds to the Partners in Care, Oahu's Continuum of Care (PIC) -Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) project as detailed in this letter.

Accordingly, DCS respectfully recommends approval to charge up to \$128,782.68 in eligible ESG expenses from the Hale Mauliola Emergency Shelter and to also reprogram the \$139,028.71 to PIC HMIS, which benefits all providers on Oahu.

The reprogramming of funds is necessary in order to maximize the City's opportunity to expend ESG funds in a timely manner, and to not jeopardize the expenditure of these funds. The Action Plan sheets, attached as Exhibit A, will be submitted to HUD upon your approval of this amendment.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call me at 768-7760.

Sincerely,

Director

Attachment

Exhibit A

cc: Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

APPROVED:

Michael D. Formby Managing Director

Project Name	Family Promise of Hawai'i - Housing Placement for Homeless Families with Children
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	HP1 – Homeless Services and HP3 – Homelessness Prevention Services
Needs Addressed	Homelessness and Homelessness Prevention
Funding	ESG Funds – <u>\$195,443.02</u> [\$ 222,592.42] ; City General Funds - \$24,200.77 [\$27,407.58]
	Shelter - <u>\$121,233.17</u> (ESG Funds); <u>\$24,200.77</u> (City General Funds)
	Homelessness Prevention – <u>\$74,209.85</u> [\$100,000.00] (ESG Funds)
Description	Grant funds for essential services at an emergency shelters for homeless families and a homelessness- prevention program, which includes short-term or medium-term rental assistance, financial assistance, and housing relocation and stabilization services, excluding moving costs.
	ESG funds will be utilized to provide Shelter operating costs eligible under 24 CFR § 576.102. ESG funds will b utilized to provide homelessness prevention assistance, eligible under 24 CFR § 576.103.
	The City recognizes that City General funded Shelter and Homelessness Prevention projects must meet all requirements that apply to ESG funds.
	Grant funds for essential services and shelter operations at an emergency shelter and a homelessness prevention program, which includes short-term or medium-term rental assistance, financial assistance, and housing relocation and stabilization services, excluding moving costs.
	ESG Funds and City General Funds will be used for shelter operating and essential services costs, eligible und 24 CFR § 576.102. ESG Funds will also be used to provide homelessness prevention activities, eligible under CFR § 576.103.
	The City recognizes that City General funded Emergency Shelter and Homelessness Prevention projects must meet all requirements that apply to ESG Funds
Target Date of Completion	8/31/22
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 240 persons and 65 households at-risk of becoming homeless will be supported under this project.

Location Description	245 North Kukui Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96817
Planned Activities	Approximately 240 persons experiencing homelessness will be provided shelter.
	Approximately 65 households at-risk of becoming homeless will be provided short-term or medium-term rental assistance, financial assistance, and housing relocation and stabilization services, excluding moving costs.

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Project Name	Gregory House Programs – Rapid Re-Housing
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	HP4 – Re-Housing Services
Needs Addressed	Homelessness and Homelessness Prevention
Funding	ESG Funds - <u>\$30,657.78</u> [\$37,046.58]
Description	Grant funds for a rapid re-housing program, which includes short-term or medium-term rental assistance, financial assistance, and housing relocation and stabilization services, excluding moving costs.
	ESG funds will be utilized to provide rapid re-housing assistance, eligible under 24 CFR § 576.104.
Target Date of Completion	8/31/22
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately seven (7) households experiencing homelessness will be supported under this project.
Location Description	200 North Vineyard Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96817
Planned Activities	Approximately seven (7) households experiencing homelessness will be provided short-term or medium-term rental assistance, financial assistance, and housing relocation and stabilization services, excluding moving cos

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Project Name	IHS, The Institute for Human Services – Kaʻamahu
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	HP3 – Homelessness Prevention Services and HP4 – Re-Housing Services
Needs Addressed	Homelessness and Homelessness Prevention
Funding	City General Funds - <u>\$153,096.55</u> [\$278,672.42]
	Homelessness Prevention – <u>\$68,422.67</u> [\$89,496.42]; Rapid Re-Housing - <u>\$84,673.88</u> [\$189,176.00]
Description	Grant funds for a homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing program, which includes short-term or medium-term rental assistance, financial assistance, and housing relocation and stabilization services, excluding moving costs.
	ESG funds will be utilized to provide homelessness prevention assistance, eligible under 24 CFR § 576.103.
	ESG funds will be utilized to provide rapid re-housing assistance, eligible under 24 CFR § 576.104.
	The City recognizes that City General funded Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing projects must meet all requirements that apply to ESG funds.
Target Date of Completion	8/31/2022
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 21 households at-risk of becoming homeless and 48 households experiencing homelessness wi be supported under this project.
Location Description	916 Ka'amahu Place, #A, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96817
Planned Activities	Approximately 21 households at-risk of becoming homeless will be provided short-term or medium-term rental assistance, financial assistance, and housing relocation and stabilization services, excluding moving costs
	Approximately 48 households experiencing homelessness will be provided short-term or medium-term rental assistance, financial assistance, and housing relocation and stabilization services, excluding moving costs.

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Project Name	Kalihi-Palama Health Center - Homelessness Prevention
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	HP3 – Homelessness Prevention Services
Needs Addressed	Homelessness and Homelessness Prevention
Funding	ESG Funds - <u>\$63,253.09</u> [\$1 51,067.00]
Description	Grant funds for a homelessness prevention program, which includes short-term or medium-term rental assistance, financial assistance, and housing relocation and stabilization services, excluding moving costs.
Townot Data of Completion	ESG funds will be utilized to provide homelessness prevention assistance, eligible under 24 CFR § 576.103
Target Date of Completion	8/31/2022
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 110 households at-risk of becoming homeless will be supported under this project.
Location Description	904 Kohou Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96817
Planned Activities	Approximately 110 households at-risk of becoming homeless will be provided short-term or medium-term reasonable assistance, financial assistance, and housing relocation and stabilization services, excluding moving costs

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Project Name	Mental Health Kokua
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	HP1 - Homeless Services
Needs Addressed	Homelessness and Homelessness Prevention
Funding	ESG Funds - <u>\$138,403.40</u> [\$156,080.00]
Description	Grant funds for essential services at an emergency shelters for homeless families. ESG funds will be utilized to provide essential services, eligible under 24 CFR § 576.102.
Target Date of Completion	8/31/2022
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 84 individuals experiencing homelessness will be supported under this project.
Location Description	126 North Pauahi Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96817
Planned Activities	Approximately 84 persons experiencing homelessness will be provided shelter

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Project Name	IHS, The Institute for Human Services — Hale Mauliola Emergency Shelter
Target Area	Hale Mauliola Navigation Center
Goals Supported	HP2 — Homeless Operations
Needs Addressed	Homelessness
Funding	\$128,782.68 City General Funds
Description	DCS will fund the operating and essential services costs of an emergency shelter for homeless individuals, families, victims of domestic violence, or youth, which includes equipment and supplies necessary for operations. This project is a noncash contribution and will be used to fulfill the ESG Matching requirement under 24 CFI 576.201.
Target Date of Completion	<u>1/31/2023</u>
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NEW PROJECT

Project Name	Partners In Care, Oahu's Continuum of Care – Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Homeless Services
Needs Addressed	Homelessness and Homelessness Prevention
Funding	ESG Funds - \$139,028.71
Description	Grant funds for the maintenance and management of HMIS. ESG funds will be utilized for the HMIS component, eligible under 24 CFR § 576.107.
Target Date of Completion	<u>1/31/2023</u>
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project is data collection only.
Location Description	200 North Vineyard Boulevard, Suite 700, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96817
Planned Activities	HMIS is designated as the homeless Continuum of Care data collection, management and reporting system and is used to collect and maintain client-level data as well as data on the provision of housing and services in the region. Data is pulled from the system for HUD reporting.

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