

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX**

RESOLUTION NO. _____ **AUTHORITY FOR RESOLUTION:** N.J.S.A. 40:41A-38(n)

PROPOSED BY: COUNTY EXECUTIVE **AUTHORITY FOR ACTION:** N.J.S.A. 40:41A-36(i)

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, & EMPLOYMENT, DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - AMEND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) AGREEMENT WITH THE YMCA OF NEWARK TO FUND RAPID REHOUSING ACTIVITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,059.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has advised the County Executive of its receipt of an entitlement available through the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (E-21-UC-34-0014) as outlined in the PY 2021 One Year Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, amendments may be made to the Emergency Solutions Grant Program as outlined in the PY 2021 One Year Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is empowered by N.J.S.A. 40:41A-38(n) to approve by resolution, contracts presented by the County Executive;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Essex as follows:

1. That the existing Emergency Solutions Grant contract with the YMCA of Newark in the amount of \$26,059 for Homeless Prevention activities be amended to allocate \$26,059 for Rapid Rehousing activities.
2. That the PY 2021 amended contract is accepted and that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an amended agreement with the YMCA of Newark.
3. That the term of the amended contract shall be effective as of the date that this amendment is approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, and the current termination date of October 1, 2023 will not change.
4. That three (3) executed copies of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Craig Lombardi, Project Coordinator, Division of Housing and Community Development.

Approved as to form and legality Janey Date 2/22/23
 ESSEX COUNTY COUNSEL

RECORD OF VOTE (X=Vote N.V.=Abstention ABS=Absent)

Moved by Commissioner _____
 Second by Commissioner _____

Commissioner	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS	Commissioner	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS
Cooper					Mercado				
Gill					Pomares, V.P.				
Graham					Richardson, Pres.				
Johnson					Sebold				
Luciano									

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was () adopted () defeated () tabled by roll call vote at a _____ meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Essex, New Jersey held on _____.

Is Publication Required () Yes () No

Date Published _____

 Wayne L. Richardson, President



COUNTY OF ESSEX

DECISION MEMORANDUM

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Robert D. Jackson

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

TO: Robert D. Jackson
County Administrator

THRU: Anibal Ramos, Jr., Department Director *AR*
Director of Economic Development, Training & Employment

FROM: Craig Lombardi, Housing Coordinator
Division of Housing & Community Development

DATE: February 8, 2023

Economic Development,
DEPARTMENT: Training & Employment
DIVISION: Community Development

SUBJECT: Amend the PY 2021 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) award agreement between the Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development and the YMCA of Newark

INTRODUCTION

The County had previously received approval from the Board of Commissioners for the awarding of PY 2021 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding for various sub recipients and activities, including an award of \$26,059 for the YMCA of Newark, 600 Broad St, Newark for Homeless Prevention activities. At this time, the YMCA is requesting that the current balance of \$26,059 be reallocated for Rapid Rehousing activities, primarily because the provision of necessary support documentation from the courts for Homeless Prevention activities is not being delivered in a timely manner and there is a demand for Rapid Rehousing assistance. The County seeks to reallocate the \$26,059 previously assigned to the YMCA for Homeless Prevention to Rapid Rehousing activities, and subsequently submit the amendment to HUD.

REALLOCATE FUNDS FROM HOMELESS PREVENTION ACTIVITIES TO RAPID REHOUSING ACTIVITIES

The Division of Housing & Community Development proposes to amend the ESG agreement with the YMCA to provide \$26,059 for Rapid Rehousing instead of Homeless Prevention activities. If approved, the Division would subsequently amend the annual plan previously submitted to HUD. Reallocating funds for Rapid Rehousing would enable the YMCA to deliver necessary services and assistance to persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve the proposed amendment to the ESG agreement with the YMCA of Newark as described above. Upon approval by the Board Commissioners, the

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Division will amend the existing contract to reflect that the awarded ESG funds of \$26,059 would be utilized for Rapid Rehousing activities.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

1. The YMCA of Newark would be able to immediately expend the funds for Rapid Rehousing and provide benefits to Essex County residents who are homeless and in need of housing, which is consistent with the currently approved action plan.

FISCAL IMPACT

The ESG program is funded totally by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Therefore, there will be no fiscal impact experienced by the County of Essex

CONCLUSION

This action will result in the reallocation of funds to Rapid Rehousing which the YMCA of Newark can immediately utilize to deliver Rapid Rehousing services to Essex County citizens who are homeless and need assistance. Furthermore, these funds may leverage State, local, and private dollars well above that of the federal grant allocation.

If additional information is required, please contact Craig Lombardi at (973) 873 9344.

Enclosures