

Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program: July 6, 2020



Federal HOME Investment Partnership Funds

- ▶ Each year, the Department of Housing and Urban Development provides local jurisdictions with HOME funds to provide for housing for lower income households.
- ▶ Since 2015, the City Council has approved HOME funds to sponsor a Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program to help households with rental, security deposit and utility assistance.

Partnership with Service Providers: Working with Community Based Organizations

- ▶ Interval House: Partner with the City since 2015. Focus on families with domestic violence. Has assisted over 75 households/155 people overcome housing insecurity.
- ▶ Mercy House: Partner with the City since 2016. Focus on very low and extremely low income households. Has assisted 46 households/151 people overcome housing insecurity.
- ▶ Families Forward: Partner with the City since 2018. Focus on households with minor children. Has assisted 23 households/47 people overcome housing insecurity.

COVID-19 Housing Needs

- ▶ Since April 2020, the need for housing assistance has skyrocketed due to the after-effects of COVID-19.
- ▶ In April, Interval House assisted 37 new households/86 people who could no longer afford their rents due to job loss or reduction of hours.
- ▶ As the pandemic continues, the service providers anticipate an increase in households needing housing assistance. The need will continue to grow.

Recommended City Council Action

- ▶ Authorize and Direct the City Manager to execute the City's standard Professional Services Agreement to provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) services with Families Forward, Interval House and Mercy House.
- ▶ Approve the Operating Guidelines.

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