



**City of Racine, Wisconsin**  
**AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM**

<b>AGENDA DATE:</b>	July 20, 2017
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	United Way 2015-2016 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Contract Extension and Budget Amendment
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Laura Detert, Manager of the Division of Housing and Community Development & Brendan Saunders, Community Development Compliance Specialist
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:</b>	<p>Department of City Development - Division of Housing and Community Development requests that the Community Development Committee amend the 2015-2016 ESG contract to allow 2016 ESG funds to be used until March 31, 2018 and the budget amendment for 2015 ESG funds used by Lutheran Social Services.</p>
<b>BACKGROUND &amp; ANALYSIS:</b>	<p>The Continuum of Care for the City and County of Racine and the United Way of Racine County (fiscal agent) are requesting an extension of time to use 2016 Emergency Solutions Grant funds. The Department of Housing and Urban Development allows up to two years for the full use of ESG funds. This extension until March 31, 2018 will allow all 2016 ESG funds to be used.</p> <p>In January 2017, Lutheran Social Services (LSS) was granted ESG funds to administer Housing Search and Placement services for clients of the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program. LSS has requested \$850 be shifted to Security Deposit: <i>First and Last Month's Rent</i> budget line item and \$850 be shifted to <i>Short-Term Rental Assistance</i> budget line item. See attached chart. The shift will ensure use of 2015 ESG funds.</p>
<b>BUDGETARY IMPACT:</b>	<p>\$152,000 in Emergency Solutions Grant funding was awarded to the City of Racine in 2015.</p> <p>\$156,205 in Emergency Solutions Grant funding was awarded to the City of Racine in 2016.</p>
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	<p>Staff recommends that the Community Development Committee pass the proposed amendment to allow the full use of both 2015 and 2016 ESG funds.</p>

2015 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Organization

Description	Lutheran Social Services of WI and Upper Michigan	Proposed	Amended	
<b>Homeless Prevention - Housing Search and Stabilization - Financial Services</b>				
Moving Costs/Storage Costs				
Security Deposits: First and Last Months Rent			\$850	
Rent Arrears (up to 6 months one time payment)				
Short-Term Rental Assistance			\$850	
Utility Assistance/Deposits				
Case Management - Housing Stability				
Credit Repair - Budgeting/Money Management				
Housing Search and Placement		\$18,085.47	\$16,385.47	
Legal Services				
Mediation				
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$18,085.47	\$18,085.47	