



City of Racine, Wisconsin
AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE:	January 29, 2018
SUBJECT:	United Way 2015 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Contract Extension and Budget Amendment
PREPARED BY:	Laura Detert, Manager of the Division of Housing and Community Development & Brendan Saunders, Community Development Compliance Specialist
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:	Department of City Development - Division of Housing and Community Development requests that the Community Development Committee amend the 2015 ESG contract to allow 2016 ESG funds to be used until June 30, 2018 and allow funds to be used for Rapid Re-Housing services.
BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:	<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.</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 will not be able to expend all contracted 2016 Emergency Solutions Grant funding on TBRA services.</p> <p>LSS has agreed to subcontract with the Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization (HALO) to provide Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) and case management services to residents of a housing program with expiring funds. The residents, who will receive the RRH services, would otherwise become homeless. HALO will have permanent funds for the residents beginning July 2018.</p> <p>In addition, any remaining unspent 2016 ESG funds allocated Legal Action Wisconsin will be applied to the HALO Rapid Re-Housing program, an eligible program under the 2016 ESG contract.</p> <p>A maximum of \$16,000 will be transferred to LSS for use in the HALO Rapid-Rehousing program. All remaining funds will be extended for use until June 30, 2018.</p>
BUDGETARY IMPACT:	\$156,205 in Emergency Solutions Grant funding was awarded to the City of Racine in 2016.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Staff recommends that the Community Development Committee approve an amendment to the 2015 ESG Contract with United Way to extend the expiration date until June 30, 2018 and use up to \$16,000 of 2016 ESG funds by Lutheran Social Services for Rapid Re-Housing.