

December 10, 2020

Item No. 3.3.

Funding agreement in the amount of \$403,708 with the Brazos Valley Food Bank for GotEM

Sponsor: Debbie Eller, Director of Community Services

Reviewed By CBC: City Council

Agenda Caption: Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding a Community Development Block Grant funding agreement in the amount of \$403,708 with the Brazos Valley Food Bank to implement a new food delivery program for College Station residents affected by COVID-19 called Going the Extra Mile (GotEM).

Relationship to Strategic Goals:

Core services and infrastructure, neighborhood integrity

Recommendation(s): Staff recommends approval of the Community Development Block Grant Funding agreement with Brazos Valley Food Bank in the amount of \$403,708.

Summary: The City of College Station Community Development staff continue to monitor the issues in the community caused by COVID-19. At the October 22, 2020, City Council meeting, staff presented a summary of assistance provided to date by the City and information gathered through a recent needs survey. The survey indicated food, rent, utilities, and business assistance were still a significant need for low-to-moderate income College Station residents and business owners.

Council provided direction to staff to pursue a partnership with the Brazos Valley Food Bank to create a program to deliver food to food insecure, low and moderate income College Station residents affected by COVID-19. The program will work with partners Catholic Charities, CSISD, Project Unity, and Unlimited Potential, who currently receive CDBG funds to provide rental assistance to our residents. The partners will refer low-to-moderate income families who have been identified as food insecure, demonstrate barriers to accessing food assistance, and have been affected by COVID-19 to the Going the Extra Mile (GotEM) program of the Brazos Valley Food Bank. GotEM will provide direct food assistance to these identified families and deliver approximately thirty (30) pounds of food shelf-stable to the household on a bi-weekly basis or monthly rotation based on need. Through surveys with the current partners, local housing providers, and other public services programs, approximately 290 households have been identified who would benefit from this new program.

CDBG funding provided through this agreement will be utilized as follows:

Purchase of Food:	\$280,800
Delivery Vehicle:	\$60,000
Driver/Program Staff:	\$40,000 (1.25 FTE + benefits)
Delivery Boxes:	\$15,070
Fuel Costs:	\$1,000
Phone Costs:	\$2,200
Vehicle Maintenance:	\$1,800
GPS Tracking:	\$338
Insurance:	\$2,500

Total \$403,708

This funding agreement with the Brazos Valley Food Bank will provide funds to this program for one year.

A copy of the contract is available for review in the City Secretary's Office.

Budget & Financial Summary: Community Development Block Grant Public Service Agency funds available in the FY2021 Community Development Budget.

Reviewed & Approved by Legal: No

Attachments:

1. Contract on file with the City Secretary's Office