

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** October 26, 2022

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Thru:** Doug Thornley, City Manager

**Subject:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of First Amendment to Rapid Rehousing Agreement with Safe Embrace for the period of January 1, 2021 - September 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$165,776 with funding provided by the Emergency Solutions Grant, CARES (ESG-CV2) allocation.

**From:** Hettie Read

**Department:** City Manager's Office – Housing & Neighborhood Development

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**Summary:**

As an entitlement jurisdiction, the City of Reno receives an annual allocation of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City has received supplemental funds which have been allocated to provide additional housing resources for individual and families experiencing homelessness. This agreement between the City of Reno and Safe Embrace commits up to \$165,776, ESG-CV2 funds for a Rapid Rehousing Program for the period of January 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023. HUD extended the spending deadline for ESG-CV funds from September 30, 2022 to September 30, 2023, allowing the City to extend the length of this agreement.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

Economic Opportunity, Homelessness, and Affordable Housing

**Previous Council Action:**

January 27, 2021 - Council approved the Rapid Housing Agreement with Safe Embrace.

December 16, 2020 - Council approved the allocation of funding from ESG-CV2 to Safe Embrace for a Rapid Rehousing program.

**Background:**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated several rounds of funding to assist communities with slowing or stopping the spread of

infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, among Low to Moderate Income (LMI) individuals and households.

The program focus for ESG is to assist people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness. Allowable uses include: street outreach, increase and/or improve shelters, shelter operations, essential services to shelter guests, rapid rehousing of homeless individuals/families and homeless prevention.

**Discussion:**

Safe Embrace serves survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking by providing housing assistance, emergency shelter, transitional housing, advocacy services, and case management. Safe Embrace has provided Rapid Rehousing (RRH) through our Continuum of Care funding since 2018. Using ESG-CV funds Safe Embrace has housed 18 households from January 1, 2021 through July 1, 2022 with a total of 45 people including 27 children under 18. Individuals and families served through the RRH program have received wrap around case management funded by Safe Embrace. The extension of the agreement will allow Safe Embrace to continue housing survivors of domestic violence through the end of the grant term.

HUD extended the ESG-CV spending deadline from September 30, 2022 to September 30, 2023. This extension allows the City to extend the program, and in turn provides resources for Safe Embrace to continue the RRH program through September 30, 2023.

**Financial Implications:**

There is no impact to the General Fund. The funding is provided thorough HUD ESG-CV2 funds.

**Legal Implications:**

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends Council approve the First Amendment for Rapid Rehousing Agreement with Safe Embrace for program operations for the period of January 1, 2021 - September 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$165,776 and authorize the Mayor to sign.

**Proposed Motion:**

I move to approve staff recommendation.

**Attachments:**

First Amendment to Safe Embrace RRH Agreement

Rapid Rehousing Agreement with Safe Embrace approve by Council on 1-27-21