

# City of Minneapolis

## Request for Committee Action

**To:** Community Development & Regulatory Services  
**Date:** 10/11/2016  
**Referral:** N/A  
**From:** Community Planning & Economic Development  
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**File Type:** Action  
**Subcategory:** Grant

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**Subject:**

2015 Emergency Solutions Grant Capital Recommendations

**Description:**

Approving the reallocation of up to \$98,563 in 2015 Emergency Solutions Grant funds for The Bridge for Youth (\$71,463) and First Covenant Church (\$27,100)

**Previous Actions:**

On September 25, 2015, the Minneapolis City Council approved Emergency Solutions Grant funds of up to \$200,000 for The Bridge Center for Youth, up to \$124,900 for First Covenant Church and up to \$98,563 for Harriet Tubman Center ([15-01148](#)).

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**Ward/Address:**

Not Applicable

Ward 6, Elliot Park Neighborhood – 8xx South Seventh Street; Ward 7, East Isles Neighborhood – 1xxx West 22nd Street; Ward 8, Lyndale Neighborhood – 3xxx First Avenue South

**Background/Analysis:**

The federal Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program provides funds that may be used for a variety of purposes including the major rehabilitation or renovation of emergency shelter facilities for persons experiencing homelessness. HUD released to the City \$955,772 of Fiscal Year 2015 ESG funds. Seven and one-half percent of the amount (\$71,682) will be used for City staff administrative costs and \$423,463 of the hold harmless amount will be used for eligible emergency shelter rehabilitation activities.

The RFP for the 2015 ESG capital funds was issued in April 2015 and staff received three viable proposals, totaling \$599,900 in funding requests:

1. Harriet Tubman Center was awarded \$98,563 in ESG funding for various interior repairs and upgrades to the shelter facility located on First Avenue South; and
2. The Bridge for Youth was awarded \$200,000 in ESG funding for various interior repairs and upgrades to the shelter facility located on West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street; and
3. First Covenant Church was awarded \$124,900 in ESG funding for various interior repairs and upgrades and for equipment purchases at the shelter facility located on South Seventh Street.

The Harriet Tubman Center's work scope has increased dramatically and it is clear that the ESG award cannot be utilized within the required time frame. Therefore, we are recommending that the ESG funds awarded to the Tubman Center be reallocated among the other two applicants – The Bridge for Youth and First Covenant Church. The Bridge for Youth has identified an additional \$71,463 in capital improvements and First Covenant has identified an additional \$27,100 in additional capital improvements.

Reallocating the funds will ensure the City's ability to spend down the Emergency Solutions Grant funds by the 2017 spending deadline.

Staff are recommending that the unused portion of the 2015 Emergency Solutions Grant funds in the amount of \$98,563 be reallocated to The Bridge for Youth (\$71,463) and First Covenant Church (\$27,100).

**Financial Review:**

**No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.**

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**Attachments:**

1. The Bridge for Youth Project Data Worksheet
2. Tubman Center Project Data Worksheet
3. First Covenant Church Project Data Worksheet