



# CITY OF SAN MATEO

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## Agenda Report

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**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Drew Corbett, City Manager  
**PREPARED BY:** Community Development Department  
**MEETING DATE:** February 16, 2021  
**SUBJECT:**  
Emergency Rental Assistance – Agreement

### RECOMMENDATION:

Approve an agreement with Samaritan House to provide rental assistance payments to income eligible residents in the amount of \$521,000 and authorize City Manager to execute the agreement in substantially the form presented.

### BACKGROUND:

On March 27, 2020, the United States Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), which provided the City of San Mateo additional funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) specifically to provide assistance to eligible communities, households, and persons economically impacted by COVID-19. The City has received a total of \$1,260,683 from two rounds of funding.

The City has previously made an agreement with the Samaritan House to distribute emergency housing assistance to renters in the City of San Mateo who had experienced a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At its study session on November 16, 2020, Council directed staff to award a portion of the second round of CDBG-CV funds to provide similar rental assistance to eligible unfunded applicants.

Samaritan House will administer the program, including assistance to the applicants in compiling the additional documentation that will be required by the CDBG funding source. It is estimated that about another 75 renters can be assisted through this program. Samaritan House will also conduct additional outreach so additional renters can be assisted.

### BUDGET IMPACT:

The City received a supplemental grant to its Community Development Block Grant fund From HUD that will cover the cost of this agreement.

### ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

This agreement is not a project subject to CEQA, because it is a government fiscal activity which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4).)

### NOTICE PROVIDED

All meeting noticing requirements were met.

### ATTACHMENTS

Att 1 - Samaritan House Agreement

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