

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred D. Lott, ICMA-CM, CPM
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: September 23, 2021

Status Report

1. CITY OF BOWIE'S CARES ACT FUNDS: FEDERAL MANDATES AND DEADLINES MET

OGDA has successfully completed the requirements of the federal CARES Act funding received from HUD's CV-3 Program. As amended in the City's FY2019 – 2013 Consolidated Plan and FY21 Annual Action Plan, the following programs have been designed, implemented, and successfully managed to completion in advance of the federally-mandated deadline of September 30, 2021:

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Forty (40) renters received assistance to pay up to three (3) months of arrearages (directly to landlords/property management companies). The program ended Friday, September 17, 2021. Our client intake and verification contractor, Housing Initiative Partnership, provided excellent and timely processing services. We worked directly with the property management firms of the City's multi-family rental properties and other renters in single-family homes. George Jones was the program coordinator. NOTE: Landlords and renters can still apply to the County's program for up to 12 months of rental assistance.

Emergency Food Assistance Program

Over 1200 bags of nonperishable food items were distributed to City residents during a one-month period. Each weekend in August, OGDA conducted a series of food giveaway events at the Kenhill Center with the help of over 80 volunteers, most of whom were high school students who received their community service hours, and lunch, while socially distancing, and wearing gloves and masks. Two additional events will occur in November and several remaining containers of food will be donated to the Bowie Pantry. Kay Starr was the program coordinator.

2. Purchase of Fencing at Abandoned IcePlex

Since the abandonment of the IcePlex project, the City has been leasing fencing around the IcePlex construction site as well as a stormwater management pond. This was not budgeted in FY22 however, the fencing is necessary for safety reasons and to prevent

damage to the property. The Public Works Department has researched and recommends that it is more cost effective and in the best interest of the City to cancel the lease with Century Fence Construction and purchase the fence as is currently in place and take over the maintenance in the amount of \$12,403.00. This will be funded through the Ice Arena Repair and Maintenance Account.

As provided in Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven (7) day notice of intent to purchase.

3. 2 Lot Subdivision of Sears Lot

The City has received a referral of a proposed two-lot subdivision plan for the Sears property at Bowie Town Center. As Council is aware, Seritage SRC Finance, LLC has proposed a mixed-use concept for the property. Subdivision of the 10.8-acre lot into two lots will allow the BJs restaurant to exist on its own lot of approximately one acre, while the redevelopment would eventually take place on the remaining land area now occupied by the former Sears building and parking lot. Under the County's review procedures, site plans will still have to be submitted for future development. The proposed Preliminary Plan #4-20034 will not create any new square footage or building sites, or have any impacts. The subdivision is basically a ministerial action, which is permitted under County law. No City review is necessary at this time.

ADL: lfr