

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 19ACCEPTING 2023 HOMELESS HOUSING AND SERVICES PROGRAM FUNDS

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Acceptance of Grants from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Homeless Housing and Services Program Funds in the Amount of \$409,176.00 and Homeless Housing and Services Program-Youth Set Aside in the Amount of \$129,878.00, Authorize Execution of Related Agreements, Authorize Execution of Subgrant Agreements with The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Worth Doing Business as Fort Worth Housing Solutions to Provide Rental Assistance and with CitySquare to Provide Youth Rental Assistance and Case Management, find that the Subgrant Agreements Serve a Public Purpose and that Adequate Controls are in place, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize acceptance of grants and execution of grant agreements with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Homeless Housing and Services program funds in the amount of \$409,176.00 (General) and \$129,878.00 (Youth);
2. Authorize the execution of a subgrant agreement with Fort Worth Housing Solutions in the amount of \$409,176.00 to provide rental assistance to at least 40 permanent supportive housing clients (General);
3. Authorize the execution of a subgrant agreement with CitySquare in the amount of \$129,878.00 to provide rental assistance and case management to at least 10 youth (Youth);
4. Find that the subgrant agreements serve the public purpose of ending chronic homelessness and reducing youth homelessness and that adequate controls are in place through the subgrant agreements; and
5. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating State Fund in the amount of \$539,054.00, subject to the receipt of the grant, for the purpose of reducing chronic and youth homelessness.

DISCUSSION:

The State of Texas provides grant funding for the Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to nine municipalities with a population of 285,500 or greater, including the City of Fort Worth (City).

The HHSP amount allocated to the City is \$409,176.00. The HHSP funds may be used to provide rental assistance, case management and other services or housing options to reduce homelessness. The HHSP grant funds from prior years are currently being provided to Fort Worth Housing Solutions through a subgrant agreement to provide rental assistance for permanent supportive housing to 40 homeless individuals annually.

The HHSP-Youth amount allocated to the City is \$129,878.00. Eligible services include case management, emergency shelter, street outreach and transitional living. The HHSP-Youth grant funds will be used to provide rental assistance and case management for 10 youth annually.

By approval of this Mayor and Council Communication, the City Council finds that funding the subgrant agreements will meet the public purpose of helping to end chronic homelessness and reduce youth homelessness and that adequate controls are in place through the subgrant agreements to ensure that the public purpose is carried out.

Upon acceptance, the grant will begin on September 1, 2022. The Neighborhood Services Department will administer the HHSP and HHSP-Youth funds and monitor the sub-grantees, Fort Worth Housing Solutions and CitySquare. The subgrant agreements will be from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023.

An Assistant City Manager is authorized to execute the contracts.

A Form 1295 is not required for these contracts because: These contracts will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: TDHCA and Fort Worth Housing Solutions. A Form 1295 is required for CitySquare.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations, and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grant Operating State Fund. The Neighborhood Services Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Neighborhood Services Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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