

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 08/04/20

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 20-0472

**LOG NAME:** 02HOMELESS HOUSING AND SERVICES PROGRAM COVID FUNDS

**SUBJECT**

Authorize Acceptance of Additional Grant Funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Homeless Housing and Services Program in the Amount of \$22,428.00 and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize acceptance of additional grant funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the Homeless Housing and Services Program in the Amount of \$22,428.00 and adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating State Fund in the amount of \$22,428.00 upon notification of award and receipt of funds.

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**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.

TDHCA approved a waiver that permits the use of 2018 and 2019 HHSP reallocated funding to assist persons experiencing homelessness and at-risk of homelessness economically impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic.

The City of Fort Worth received \$22,428.00. The City will sub-contract with DRC-Solutions to rapidly exit at least eight households experiencing homelessness into housing through provision of rental assistance.

Upon acceptance, the grant will begin on March 26, 2020 and end August 31, 2020. The City's Directions Home unit will administer the HHSP funds.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: TDHCA

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that, upon acceptance of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the Grants Operating State Fund, as appropriated. Directions Home will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to expenditures being incurred, Directions Home has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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