

# Mayor and Council Communication

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**LOG NAME:** 02HOMELESS HOUSING AND SERVICES PROGRAM - GENERAL AND YOUTH

## **SUBJECT**

Authorize Acceptance of Grants from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Homeless Housing and Services Program Funds for \$486,499.00 and HHSP-Youth Set Aside for \$136,139.00, Authorize Execution of Related Agreements, Authorize Execution of SubGrant Agreements with Housing Authority of the City of Fort Worth DBA Fort Worth Housing Solutions to Provide Rental Assistance and with Tarrant County Homeless Coalition to Provide Youth Rental Assistance and Case Management and Adopt Attached Appropriation Ordinances (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize acceptance of grants and execution of contracts with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the Homeless Housing and Services funds for \$486,499.00 (HHSP-General) and \$136,139.00 (HHSP-Youth);
  2. Authorize the execution of subgrant agreement with Fort Worth Housing Solutions in the amount of \$486,499.00 to provide rental assistance to at least 60 permanent supportive housing clients (HHSP-General);
  3. Authorize the execution of subgrant agreement with Tarrant County Homeless Coalition in the amount of \$136,139.00 to provide rental assistance and case management to at least 15 youth (HHSP-Youth); and
  4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinances increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating State Fund in the amounts of \$486,499.00 and \$136,139.00 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.

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 are currently used by Fort Worth Housing Solutions to provide rental assistance to 60 persons for permanent supportive housing annually.

The Texas Legislature passed an increase in funding for HHSP over the 2020-2021 biennium with additional funds to address homelessness among young adults 18 to 24 years of age. The HHSP-Youth amount allocated to the City of Fort Worth is \$136,139.00. Eligible services include case management, emergency shelter, street outreach and transitional living. The HHSP-Youth grant funds are currently used by Tarrant County Homeless Coalition to provide rental assistance and case management for 15 youth annually. TCHC will provide rental assistance and will partner with a supportive services provider to provide case management for youth in the program.

Upon acceptance, the grant will begin on September 1, 2020. The City's Directions Home unit will administer the HHSP and HHSP-Youth funds and monitor the sub-recipients, Fort Worth Housing Solutions and Tarrant County Homeless Coalition. The subgrant agreements will be from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021.

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 Tarrant County Homeless Coalition.

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## **FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that, upon acceptance of the above recommendations, receipt of the grant funding and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the Grant Operating State Fund, as appropriated.

This is a reimbursement grant. The Directions Home unit will be responsible for the verification and submission of documents for these funds. Prior to expenditure being made, the Directions Home unit has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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