

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 08/03/21

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 21-0513

**LOG NAME:** 02RATIFY ACCEPTANCE OF ENDING HOMELESSNESS FUNDS

## **SUBJECT**

(ALL) Ratify Application for and Authorize Acceptance of Grant From the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Ending Homelessness Funds in the Amount of \$51,804.00, Authorize Execution of Related Agreement, Authorize Execution of Subgrant Agreement with Housing Authority of the City of Fort Worth DBA Fort Worth Housing Solutions to Provide Rental Assistance, Find that the Subgrant Agreement Serves a Public Purpose, and Adopt Attached Appropriation Ordinance

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify application for and authorize acceptance of grant and execution of contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the Ending Homelessness Funds for \$51,804.00;
  2. Authorize the execution of subgrant agreement with Fort Worth Housing Solutions in an amount up to \$51,804.00 to provide rental assistance to at least four permanent supportive housing clients;
  3. Find that the subgrant agreement serves the public purpose of ending chronic homelessness and that adequate controls are in place; and
  4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating State Fund in an amount up to \$51,804.00, subject to receipt of the grant, for the purpose of funding rental assistance for permanent supportive housing clients.
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## **DISCUSSION:**

The 85th Texas Legislature passed House Bill 4102, which was enacted to be effective on September 1, 2017. The act amended Subchapter H, Chapter 502, Transportation Code to add Section 502.415, Voluntary Contribution to Ending Homelessness Fund. This section allows registrants of a motor vehicle in Texas to elect to contribute any amount of funds to the newly established Ending Homelessness fund. The funds must be utilized to provide grants to counties and municipalities to combat homelessness.

The City of Fort Worth (City) was notified that it was awarded \$51,804.00 of Ending Homelessness funds because of its participation in the Homeless Housing and Services Program. The grant term is August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022.

The eligible activities are the same as the Homeless Housing and Services Program.

The City subgrants Homeless Housing and Services Program funds to Fort Worth Housing Solutions to provide rental assistance for permanent supportive housing clients in an effort to reduce chronic homelessness.

The City will use the Ending Homelessness funds in the same way - to provide rental assistance to at least four chronically homeless clients referred to Fort Worth Housing Solutions by Tarrant County Homeless Coalition. By approval of this M&C, the City Council finds that funding the subgrant agreement will meet the public purpose of helping to end chronic homelessness and that adequate controls are in place through the contract to ensure that the public purpose is carried out.

Upon acceptance, the grant will begin on August 1, 2021. The City's Directions Home unit will administer the Ending Homelessness funds and monitor the sub-grantee, Fort Worth Housing Solutions. The subgrant agreement will be from August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022.

An Assistant City Manager is authorized to execute the contracts.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Fort Worth Housing Solutions

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## **FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinances, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating State Fund. The City Manager's Office (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 City Manager's Office has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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