

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 10/17/23

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 23-0860

LOG NAME: 19ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL HOMELESS HOUSING PROGRAM FUNDS

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Acceptance of Grants from and Execution of Agreements with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Homeless Housing and Services Program Funds in the Approximate Amount of \$80,869.00 and Homeless Housing and Services Program-Youth Set Aside in the Approximate Amount of \$85,096.00, with All Amounts Subject to Potential Adjustment as a Result of Legislative Changes; Authorize Execution of Subgrant Agreements with My Health, My Resources of Tarrant County to Provide Rental Assistance and with Transition Resource Action Center 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, including the ability to adjust the grant amounts in such agreements, with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Homeless Housing and Services Program funds in the approximate amounts of \$80,869.00 (General) and \$85,096.00 (Youth);
 2. Authorize the execution of a subgrant agreement with My Health, My Resources of Tarrant County in the approximate amount of \$80,869.00, or the adjusted amount if applicable, to provide rental assistance to at least 20 permanent supportive housing clients (General);
 3. Authorize the execution of a subgrant agreement with Transition Resource Action Center in the approximate amount of \$85,096.00, or the adjusted amount if applicable, to provide rental assistance and case management to at least 6 young adults (Youth);
 4. Find that the subgrant agreements serve the public purpose of reducing chronic and 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 approximate amount of \$165,965.00, or the adjusted amount if applicable, subject to the receipt of the grant, for the purpose of reducing chronic and youth homelessness.
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DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to approve grants and related agreements to two categories of services directed to individuals experiencing homelessness.

General

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 municipalities with a population of 285,500 or greater, including the City of Fort Worth (City).

Due to Fort Worth's high expenditure rate, TDHCA offered reallocation of funding up to \$80,869.00 in 2022 HHSP General Set-Aside funds with a contract term of September 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024.

These funds will be used with the City's 2024 HHSP allocation. This year the City will enter into a subgrant agreement with My Health, My Resources of Tarrant County (MHMR) for rental assistance for at least 20 permanent supportive housing clients.

Youth

Due to Fort Worth's high expenditure rate, TDHCA offered reallocation of funding up to \$85,096.00 in 2022 HHSP Youth Set-Aside funds with a contract term of September 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024.

These funds will be used with the City's 2024 HHSP-Youth allocation. This year the City will enter into a subgrant agreement with Transition Resource Action Center (TRAC) for rental assistance and case management for at least six young adults ages 18-24.

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 reduce chronic and 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 grants will begin on September 1, 2023. The Neighborhood Services Department will administer the HHSP and HHSP-Youth funds and monitor the sub-grantees, MHMR and TRAC. The subgrant agreements will be from September 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024. Since no City salaries will be charged, indirect cost recovery does not apply.

An Assistant City Manager is authorized to execute the agreements associated with these grants.

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 MHMR. A Form 1295 is required for TRAC.

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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