

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 10/15/19

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LOG NAME: 02HOMELESS HOUSING AND SERVICES PROGRAM - YOUTH SET-ASIDE

SUBJECT

Ratify Acceptance of Grant from, and Authorize Contract with, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for Homeless Housing and Services Program Funds - Youth Set-Aside (HHSP-Youth) in the Amount of \$140,243.00, Adopt Appropriation Ordinance, and Adopt Resolution (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify acceptance of a grant from, and authorize a contract with, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Homeless Housing and Services -Youth Set-Aside funds in the amount of \$140,243.00;
 2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating State Fund in the amount of \$140,243.00 upon notification of award; and
 3. Adopt the attached Resolution.
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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 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 amount allocated to the City of Fort Worth is \$140,243.00. Eligible services include case management, emergency shelter, street outreach and transitional living.

After receiving input from the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition and homeless service providers regarding needs, City staff issued a request for proposals to provide transitional living programs including case management. A transitional living program is one in which case management services and rental assistance are provided to young adults ages 18 to 24, with the goal of moving clients from homelessness to housing and enabling them to live independently. As part of the transitional living program, rental assistance will be provided to young adults for up to 24 months using a Housing First model. All youth will be pulled from the Coordinated Entry list overseen by the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition.

The City's Directions unit will administer the HHSP-Youth funds and monitor the sub-recipient selected through the RFP process. The grant period began on September 1, 2019.

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

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 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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