

# Mayor and Council Communication

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**LOG NAME:** 19RATIFY ACCEPTANCE OF YOUTH HOMELESSNESS FUNDS

**SUBJECT**

(ALL) Ratify Acceptance of Grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Homeless Housing and Services Program-Youth in the Amount of \$74,412.00, Authorize Execution of Related Agreement, Authorize Execution of Subgrant Agreement with CitySquare to Provide Rental Assistance and Case Management, Find that the Subgrant Agreement Serves a Public Purpose, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify acceptance of grant and execution of contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Homeless Housing and Services Program-Youth in the amount of \$74,412.00;
2. Authorize the execution of subgrant agreement with CitySquare in an amount up to \$74,412.00 to provide rental assistance and case management to at least eight young people ages 18-24 experiencing homelessness;
3. Find that the subgrant agreement serves the public purpose of reducing youth 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 \$74,412.00, subject to receipt of the grant, for the purpose of funding rental assistance and services for homeless young adults.

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**DISCUSSION:**

The City of Fort Worth (City) currently has a contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the Homeless Housing and Services Program-Youth (HHSP-Youth). This program provides rental assistance and case management to young adults ages 18-24 who are experiencing homelessness.

TDHCA asked the City to accept additional funds that were unused by other cities from its 2021 HHSP-Youth program year budget. The City accepted additional funds which allow more robust services to be provided to young adults.

The City subgrants 2023 HHSP-Youth and also the additional HHSP-Youth funds to CitySquare.

By approval of this Mayor and Council Communication, the City Council ratifies the acceptance of these additional grant funds in the amount of up to \$74,412.00 and ratifies the execution of the contract related to same. City Council further finds that funding the subgrant agreement will meet the public purpose of helping to reduce youth 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 December 1, 2022. The Neighborhood Services Department will administer HHSP-Youth funds and monitor the subgrantee.

An Assistant City Manager is authorized to execute the contracts.

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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 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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