



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Human and Social Needs
AGENDA DATE: September 23, 2020
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Office of Homeless Solutions
EXECUTIVE: Nadia Chandler-Hardy

SUBJECT

Authorize **(1)** the acceptance of a Continuum of Care ("CoC") Grant (Grant No. TX0072L6T001912, CFDA No. 14.267) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") for the City of Dallas' Shelter Plus Care Project ("Project") in an amount not to exceed \$925,954.00, to provide permanent housing and supportive services for homeless persons with disabilities for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021; **(2)** the establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$925,954.00 in the FY 19 CoC Grant-Shelter Plus Care-PSH FY 21 Fund; **(3)** the receipt and deposit of grant funds as reimbursement from HUD in an amount not to exceed \$925,954.00 in FY 19 CoC Grant-Shelter Plus Care-PSH FY 21 Fund; **(4)** a local cash match from the City of Dallas in an amount not to exceed \$231,489.00; and **(5)** execution of any and all documents required for the grant agreement and amendment - Total not to exceed \$1,157,443.00 - Financing: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Grant Funds (\$925,954.00) and General Fund (\$231,489.00) (subject to appropriations)

BACKGROUND

The City of Dallas, through the Office of Homeless Solutions ("OHS"), is grantee for a CoC Grant from HUD for the Project. The Project provides permanent housing and supportive services to homeless persons with disabilities (and family members residing with them), including homeless persons with serious mental illness, chronic problems with alcohol and/or drugs, or HIV/AIDS or related diseases. The CoC Grant is subject to renewal by HUD on an annual basis.

Under the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 ("HEARTH Act"), enacted into law on May 20, 2009, all eligible funding costs, except leasing funds, must be matched with no less than a 25 percent cash match or in-kind contributions.

OHS attempted to outsource or transition the operation of the Project to a local area non-profit organization(s) for more than two years. During that time, OHS has continued to operate the Project to ensure that participants remain housed. Four prior procurement solicitations (#BTZ1819 advertised on April 19, 2018, #BPZ1802 advertised on August 24, 2018, #BRZ19-00010654 advertised on June 13, 2019, and #BR20-00012688 advertised on January 23, 2020) did not yield a successful proposer for this Project.

On March 13, 2020, HUD announced the new FY 2019 CoC funding awards, including renewal of the CoC Grant that funds the Project. Due to limits on funding available to be awarded to the local area, the City's CoC grant was reduced from \$1,584,610.00 to \$925,954.00. HUD notified the City of Dallas of the new award amount on May 18, 2020.

Under the reduced CoC Grant, the Project will provide full or partial rental payments for 77 units (67 one-bedroom units and 10 two-bedroom units) serving 92 homeless persons. Rental payments will be made at the reasonable rate for the area. Participants with income are required to pay 30% of the family's monthly adjusted income, 10% of the family's monthly gross income, or if the family is receiving welfare assistance and a portion of the welfare assistance is specifically designated for the family's housing costs, the portion of the payment designated for housing costs, whichever is greater.

The CoC Program requires that supportive services be provided for all participants of the Program (funded directly or through matching source). These services may be provided by project case management staff and/or community agencies. Eligible supportive services include case management, child care, education services, employment assistance and job training, food, housing search and counseling services, legal services, life skills training, mental health training, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation and utility deposits. The grant includes funding for one to three project staff (including case management and administrative staff) to carry out the Project.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On October 14, 2015, City Council authorized an amendment to Resolution No. 15-1365, previously approved on August 12, 2015 to increase the local cash match from the City of Dallas; decrease the In-Kind Contributions by AIDS Arms, Inc. and specify new terms regarding match requirements in the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Dallas and AIDS Arms, Inc. to provide an In-Kind Contribution, under the Continuum of Care Grant for the Permanent Supportive Housing from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by Resolution No. 15-1873.

On August 24, 2016, City Council authorized the acceptance of a Continuum of Care Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Shelter Plus Care Program (Permanent Supportive Housing), to provide tenant-based rental assistance for permanent housing and supportive services for homeless persons with disabilities for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017; a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Dallas and AIDS Arms, Inc. to provide an In-Kind Contribution; a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Dallas and Metrocare Services to provide an In-Kind Contribution; a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Dallas and ABC Behavioral Health to provide an In-Kind Contribution; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 16-1331.

On September 13, 2017, City Council authorized the acceptance of a Continuum of Care Grant (Grant No. TX0072L6T001609, CFDA No. 14.267) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development also referred to as Shelter Plus Care Program, to provide both permanent housing in the form of tenant-based rental assistance and eligible supportive services for homeless persons with disabilities for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Dallas and PRISM Health North Texas to provide an In-Kind Contribution; and a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Dallas and Metrocare Services to provide an In-Kind Contribution; and execution of the grant agreement and the MOUs by Resolution No. 17-1416.

On September 26, 2018, City Council authorized the acceptance of a Continuum of Care Grant (Grant No. TX0072L6T001710, CFDA No. 14.267) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the City of Dallas' Shelter Plus Care Project to provide tenant-based rental assistance for permanent housing and supportive services for homeless persons with disabilities and their families for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 18-1379.

On August 28, 2019, City Council authorized the acceptance of a Continuum of Care (Grant No. TX0072L6T001811, CFDA No. 14.267) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the City of Dallas' Shelter Plus Care Project to provide permanent housing and supportive services for homeless persons with disabilities for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020; an amendment to the grant agreement to convert the Project from tenant-based rental assistance; and execution of the grant agreement and amendment by Resolution No. 19-1263.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2021	FY 2022	Future Years
FY 19 CoC Grant Shelter Plus Care- PSH FY 21 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Grant Funds	\$ 925,954.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Fund (subject to appropriation)	\$ 231,489.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$1,157,443.00	\$0.00	\$0.00