



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 26, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
 Submitted by: Lisa Warhuus, Director, Health, Housing and Community Services
 Department
 Subject: Shelter Plus Care Program Renewal Grants

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to receive funds and execute any agreements and amendments resulting from the renewal of the following grants:

1. Two Shelter Plus Care grants from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): a) \$3,949,021 for Supportive Housing Collaborative Project (SHC) for the period June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023; b) \$2,327,914 for COACH Project (COACH) for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.
2. One grant from HUD administered through the County of Alameda for \$881,045 to provide tenant-based rental assistance to individuals who are chronically homeless and disabled from March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Each of the Shelter Plus Care grants and the grant from Alameda County provides funds for rental subsidies from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These grants serve homeless and disabled individuals and families in Berkeley, and must be renewed on an annual basis. These grants fund the rental subsidies for these units while city staff and community agency partners provide the supportive services that fulfills the 25% in-kind service match required for these grants.

HUD allows up to 7% of each grant to be used to administer the rental subsidies which supports the Health, Housing and Community Service Department's grant-related administrative activities. (For the four HUD grants budget codes 347-51-504-530/535 various; funds to be deposited in revenue accounts 805-7906-331-1023 and 6064 (FUND\$) and 347-51-504-535-0000-000-000-431110 (ERMA). For the contract with Alameda County, budget codes 348-51-504-530-535-various and funds to be deposited in revenue accounts 806-7906-331-1023 and 6064 (FUND\$) and 348-51-504-535-0000-000-000-431110 (ERMA).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Based on a national competition, the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development and the County of Alameda awarded funding to the City of Berkeley to renew three Shelter Plus Care grants that provide rental assistance to a minimum of 220 households. The City's Shelter Plus Care Program provides federal rental subsidies that are matched by locally provided services to transition formerly homeless, disabled individuals and families into permanent, supportive housing. These grants currently provide tenant-based rental subsidies for approximately 300 households to rent from private property owners in Berkeley, Albany, Alameda, Oakland, and Emeryville. The number of households currently leased up is at 136% of the 220 number as required by HUD due to careful grant management.

Each of the participants in the program receives case management and other supportive services provided by one or more of the following agencies: Bay Area Community Services (BACS), Berkeley Food and Housing Project (BFHP); City of Berkeley Mental Health Division (BMH); City of Berkeley Aging Services Division (Aging); Bonita House, Inc.(Bonita); Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS); East Bay AIDS Center (EBAC); Lifelong Medical Care (LLMC); and the Women's Daytime Drop-In Center (WDDC).

BACKGROUND

Since 1995, the City of Berkeley Shelter Plus Care Program has been an important component of the continuum of housing available to disabled homeless families and individuals. The Shelter Plus Care Program is funded by HUD and the County of Alameda to provide housing subsidies for people who are homeless with a disability. The program combines a rental subsidy with ongoing supportive services to assist chronically homeless individuals and families to obtain and maintain housing.

The Berkeley Shelter Plus Care Program is a partnership between the Health, Housing and Community Services Department and seven community agencies. The Health, Housing and Community Services Department provides operational and programmatic oversight, and inspects rental units to ensure that each unit meets federal housing quality standards and makes monthly rental subsidy payments to property owners. The community agencies along with the Department's Aging Services and Mental Health Divisions provide ongoing case management and support to participants in the program.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects, climate impacts, or sustainability opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley Shelter Plus Care Program successfully provides stable housing and ongoing services to some of the City's most vulnerable residents. Authorizing the acceptance of the three Shelter Plus Care renewal grants, will assure that 300

homeless and disabled individuals and families in Berkeley continue to benefit from receiving ongoing rental assistance and the supportive services necessary to retain stable housing.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Staff did not identify any alternative actions that would be consistent with the City's Strategic Plan goals to "create affordable housing and housing support services for our most vulnerable community members" and "champion and demonstrate social and racial equity".

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Attachment:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

SHELTER PLUS CARE PROGRAM RENEWAL GRANTS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the County of Alameda have awarded the City of Berkeley Health, Housing & Community Services Department the following five Shelter Plus Care grants: 1) a) \$3,949,021 for Supportive Housing Collaborative Project (SHC) for the period June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023; b) \$2,327,914 for COACH Project (COACH) for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; and 2) One grant from the County of Alameda for \$881,045 to provide tenant-based rental assistance to individuals who are chronically homeless and disabled from March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the combined total for the three grants is an estimated \$7,157,980 to provide direct rental assistance, and of this amount approximately 7% is available to support the Health, Housing and Community Service Department's grant-related administrative activities (For the four HUD grants budget codes 347-51-504-530/535 various; funds to be deposited in revenue accounts 805-7906-331-1023 and 6064 (FUND\$) and 347-51-504-535-0000-000-000-431110 (ERMA). For the contract with Alameda County, budget codes 348-51-504-530-535-various and funds to be deposited in revenue accounts 806-7906-331-1023 and 6064 (FUND\$) and 348-51-504-535-0000-000-000-431110 (ERMA); and

WHEREAS, these Shelter Plus Care grants are an annual renewal of an existing program that provides rental subsidies and ongoing support services for more than 300 homeless and disabled individuals and families in Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, the rent subsidies provided through the City's Shelter Plus Care Program are matched by services provided by the City's Mental Health Division and Aging Services Division and seven community-based agencies that assist formerly homeless, disabled individuals and families to retain stable housing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is hereby authorized to receive funds and execute any agreements and amendments resulting from the three grants awarded from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the County of Alameda for the City's Shelter Plus Care Program as follows: 1) Two Shelter Plus Care grants from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): a) \$3,949,021 for Supportive Housing Collaborative Project (SHC) for the period June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023; b) \$2,327,914 for COACH Project (COACH) for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; and 2) One grant from HUD administered through the County of Alameda for \$881,045 to provide tenant-based rental assistance to individuals who are chronically homeless and disabled from March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023. A signed copy of said documents, agreements and any amendments will be kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk.