




Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
April 7, 2015

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager
Submitted by: Jane Micallef, Director, Health, Housing & 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. Five Shelter Plus Care grants from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: a) an estimated \$2,274,286 for tenant-based rental assistance for the period May 24, 2015 through May 23, 2016; b) an estimated \$143,395 for sponsor-based rental assistance for the Supportive Housing Network for the period of May 28, 2015 through May 27, 2016, with Resources for Community Development as the project sponsor; c) an estimated \$139,604 for sponsor-based rental assistance for the Pathways Project for the period June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016, with Bonita House, Inc. as the project sponsor; d) an estimated \$518,038 in tenant-based rental assistance for the COACH Project grant for the period of December 14, 2015 through December 13, 2016; and e) an estimated \$217,428 in tenant-based rental assistance for the HOAP grant for the period of November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2016.
2. One grant from the County of Alameda for an estimated \$298,363 to provide tenant-based rental assistance to individuals who have HIV/AIDS and their families from March 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016.

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). The grants support existing programs that serve homeless and disabled individuals and families in Berkeley, and these grants must be renewed on an annual basis. The amounts for the renewal grants in FY16 are slightly higher than the current award amounts for FY15.

HUD allows up to 7% of each Shelter Plus Care grant to be used to administer the rental subsidies to support the Health, Housing and Community Service Department's grant-related administrative activities. (For the five Shelter Plus Care direct grants from

HUD budget codes 805-7906-463-various; funds to be deposited in revenue accounts 805-7906-331-1023 and 6064. For the grant through Alameda County, budget codes 806-7906-463-various and funds to be deposited in revenue accounts 806-7906-331-1023 and 6064.)

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Based on a national competition, the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development and the County of Alameda awarded the City of Berkeley \$3,073,594 in funding to renew six Shelter Plus Care grants that provide rental assistance to a total of 214 households. The City's Shelter Plus Care Program provides federal rent subsidies that are matched by locally provided services to transition formerly homeless, disabled individuals and families into permanent, supportive housing units. Through four of the grants, 191 households are assisted utilizing tenant-based rental subsidies to rent from private property owners in Berkeley, Oakland, and Emeryville. The fifth grant provides 12 sponsor-based rental subsidies that are dedicated for units owned and operated by Resources for Community Development to serve homeless individuals in Berkeley who are diagnosed with a serious mental illness and/or a history of drug and alcohol dependence. The sixth grant provides 11 sponsor-based rental subsidies that are dedicated to units owned and operated by Bonita House, Inc. to serve homeless individuals in Berkeley who are dually diagnosed with a serious mental illness and a history of drug and alcohol dependence.

Each of the participants in the program receives case management and other supportive services provided by one or more of the following agencies: Berkeley Food and Housing Project; Berkeley Drop-In Center; City of Berkeley Mental Health Division; City of Berkeley Aging Services Division; Bonita House, Inc.; Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency; East Bay AIDS Center; Lifelong Medical Care; Rubicon Programs; the Women's Daytime Drop-In Center; and YEAH (Youth Engagement Advocacy and Housing).

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 people. 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 & Community Service Department and nine community agencies. The Health, Housing & Community Service 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 Divisions on Aging Services and

Mental Health provide ongoing case management and support to participants in the program. Currently, the City of Berkeley administers six Shelter Plus Care grants, providing more than 214 units of supportive housing for homeless and disabled people.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental impacts or 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 most indigent and underserved City residents. Authorizing the acceptance of these four Shelter Plus Care renewal grants will assure that 214 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

None.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

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 six Shelter Plus Care grants: 1) an estimated \$2,274,286 for tenant-based rental assistance for the period May 24, 2015 through May 23, 2016; 2) an estimated \$143,395 for sponsor-based rental assistance for the Supportive Housing Network for the period of May 28, 2015 through May 27, 2016, with Resources for Community Development as the project sponsor; 3) an estimated \$139,604 for sponsor-based rental assistance for the Pathways Project for the period June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016, with Bonita House, Inc. as the project sponsor; 4) an estimated \$518,038 in tenant-based rental assistance for the COACH Project grant for the period of December 14, 2015 through December 13, 2016; 5) an estimated \$217,428 in tenant-based rental assistance for the HOAP grant for the period of November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2016; and 6) an estimated \$298,363 to provide tenant-based rental assistance to individuals who have HIV/AIDS and their families from March 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the combined total for the six grants is an estimated \$3,073,594 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 five Shelter Plus Care direct grants from HUD budget codes 805-7906-463-various; funds to be deposited in revenue accounts 805-7906-331-1023 and 6064. For the grant through Alameda County, budget codes 806-7906-463-various and funds to be deposited in revenue accounts 806-7906-331- 1023 and 6064); and

WHEREAS, each of the six Shelter Plus Care grants is an annual renewal of an existing program that provides rental subsidies and ongoing support services to a combined total of 214 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 nine 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 six renewal 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. A signed copy of said documents, agreements and any amendments will be kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk.