



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
February 28, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: *DWR* Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Paul Buddenhagen, 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) \$2,958,286 for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance for the period June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018; b) \$187,315 for sponsor-based rental assistance for the Supportive Housing Network for the period of June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018, with Resources for Community Development as the project sponsor; c) \$182,216 for sponsor-based rental assistance for the Pathways Project for the period June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018, with Bonita House, Inc. as the project sponsor; d) \$674,734 in tenant-based rental assistance for the COACH Project grant for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018; and e) \$282,624 in tenant-based rental assistance for the Housing for Older Adults Project (HOAP) grant for the period of November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2018.
2. One grant from the County of Alameda for \$453,076 to provide tenant-based rental assistance to individuals who have HIV/AIDS and other disabilities from March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018.

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.

HUD allows up to 7% of each 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 HUD grants budget codes 805-7906/7901-463-various; funds to be deposited in revenue accounts 805-7906-331-1023 and 6064. For

the contract with Alameda County, budget codes 806-7906/7901-463-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 funding to the City of Berkeley to renew six Shelter Plus Care grants that provide rental assistance to a minimum of 220 homeless and disabled individuals and families. The City's Shelter Plus Care Program provides federal rental subsidies that are matched by (\$2,464,146 last year) of locally provided services to transition formerly homeless, disabled individuals and families into permanent, supportive housing. Four of the grants provide tenant-based rental subsidies for a minimum of 196 households to rent from private property owners in Berkeley, Oakland, and Emeryville. The remaining two grants provide sponsor-based rental subsidies that are dedicated for units owned and operated by the project sponsors. Resources for Community Development is the sponsor for one of these grants which provides 12 subsidies to serve homeless individuals in Berkeley who are diagnosed with a serious mental illness and/or a history of drug and alcohol dependence. Bonita House, Inc. is the project sponsor for the other grant which provides 11 sponsor-based rental subsidies to serve homeless individuals in Berkeley who are dually diagnosed with a serious mental illness and a history of drug and alcohol dependence. Because of these grants 341 people live in supportive housing instead of on the streets.

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, 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 help 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 220 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 of the City's residents. Authorizing the acceptance of these six Shelter Plus Care renewal grants will assure that more than 220 housing units are available for more than 300 homeless and disabled individuals and families in Berkeley. They will 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) \$2,958,286 for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance for the period June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018; 2) \$187,315 for sponsor-based rental assistance for the Supportive Housing Network for the period of June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018, with Resources for Community Development as the project sponsor; 3) \$182,216 for sponsor-based rental assistance for the Pathways Project for the period June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018, with Bonita House, Inc. as the project sponsor; 4) \$674,734 in tenant-based rental assistance for the COACH Project grant for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018; 5) \$282,624 in tenant-based rental assistance for the Housing for Older Adults Project (HOAP) grant for the period of November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2018; and 6) \$453,076 provided through a contract with Alameda County to provide tenant-based rental assistance to individuals who have HIV/AIDS or other disabilities from March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the combined total for the six grants is an estimated \$4,738, 251 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 805-7906/7901-463-various; funds to be deposited in revenue accounts 805-7906-331-1023 and 6064. For the grant through Alameda County, budget codes 806-7906/7901-463-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 for more than 220 units of housing for Berkeley residents; 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 as follows: 1) \$2,958,286 for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance for the period June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018; 2) \$187,315 for sponsor-based rental assistance for the Supportive Housing Network for the period of June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018, with Resources for Community Development as the project sponsor; 3) \$182,216 for sponsor-based rental assistance for the Pathways Project for the period June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018, with Bonita House, Inc. as the project sponsor; 4)

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