



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
March 12, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
 Submitted by: Kelly Wallace, Interim 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. Four Shelter Plus Care grants from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): a) \$3,594,226 for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) for the period June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020; b) \$208,051 for sponsor-based rental assistance for the Supportive Housing Network for the period of June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020, with Resources for Community Development as the project sponsor; c) \$202,376 for sponsor-based rental assistance for the Pathways Project for the period June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020, with Bonita House, Inc. as the project sponsor; and d) \$2,332,198 in tenant-based rental assistance for the COACH Project grant for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
2. One grant from the County of Alameda for \$684,177 to provide tenant-based rental assistance to individuals who have HIV/AIDS and other disabilities from March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Each of the four 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 five existing grants and includes an expansion of the COACH Project. The 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% match required for these grants. In the past, the City received five HUD Shelter Plus Care grants. This grant cycle, the City submitted a request to consolidate the TBRA and the Housing for Older Adults Project (HOAP) grant, which HUD approved, resulting in a total of four HUD grants. Additionally, HUD approved the City's proposal to expand its COACH Project resulting in an increase of \$1,583,136, which is included in the above COACH project amount.

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 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 five 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. Three 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. This cycle HUD approved the City's request to expand its COACH Project resulting in funding to add 53 homeless households to the project and staffing support. 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.

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; 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. The City of Berkeley Shelter Plus Care grants provides more than 220 units of supportive housing for homeless and disabled people. The new COACH Project expansion will add 53 households for a total of more than 273 units.

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 the five Shelter Plus Care renewal grants, including the COACH Project expansion, will assure that 220 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 and will add 53 new homeless households to the program.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CONTACT PERSON

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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) \$3,594,226 for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance for the period June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020; 2) \$208,051 for sponsor-based rental assistance for the Supportive Housing Network for the period of June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020, with Resources for Community Development as the project sponsor; 3) \$202,376 for sponsor-based rental assistance for the Pathways Project for the period June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020, with Bonita House, Inc. as the project sponsor; 4) \$2,332,198 in tenant-based rental assistance for the COACH Project grant for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020; and 5) \$684,177 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, 2019 through February 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the combined total for the five grants is an estimated \$7,021,028 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, four of the five Shelter Plus Care grants are an annual renewal of an existing program that provides rental subsidies and ongoing support services for more than 220 homeless and disabled individuals and families in Berkeley and the expanded COACH Project expansion will serve 53 additional households; 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 five 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) \$3,594,226 for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) for the period June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020; 2) \$208,051 for sponsor-based rental assistance for the Supportive Housing Network for the period of June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020, with Resources for Community Development as the project sponsor; 3) \$202,376 for sponsor-based rental assistance for the Pathways Project for the period

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