



Agenda Report

September 19, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Department of Housing
SUBJECT: **AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A REVISED 2022 CONTINUUM OF CARE CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION TO THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR HOMELESS SERVICES FUNDING (REFLECTING AN INCREASE IN FUNDING)**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Find that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines per Section 15061 (b) (3), the "common sense" provision that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
- 2) Authorize the filing of the Revised 2022 Continuum of Care (CoC) Consolidated Application with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a funding request in the amount of \$4,861,988 for seventeen projects. City Council previously approved this application in the amount of \$4,832,321 on September 12, 2022;
- 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute, and the City Clerk to attest, the Revised 2022 CoC Consolidated Application and all other related HUD documents, grant agreements and amendments;
- 4) Authorize the City Manager to enter into contracts with the administering agencies of four new projects, if selected for funding as detailed in page 2 of Attachment B, with one-year grant terms beginning in the 2023 calendar year and in amounts equal to what is awarded by HUD; and
- 5) Authorize the City Manager to execute amendments to the contracts specified under Recommendation 4 for five consecutive years as set forth in the agenda report.

BACKGROUND:

On September 12, 2022, City Council authorized the submission of the 2022 CoC Application to HUD in the amount of \$4,832,321 for sixteen projects as detailed in the agenda report attached hereto as Attachment "A". The following day, on September 13, staff became aware of additional funding in the amount of \$29,667 made available by HUD for the DV Bonus project, thereby increasing the total funding available to the City through the CoC competition to \$4,861,988. The deadline for the City to submit an application in response to the CoC funding opportunity remains September 30, 2022.

On September 14, the CoC Board elected to create an additional new project with \$200,000 of underutilized funding from two rental assistance grants the City administers. The CoC Board also voted to approve the following four new project applications for inclusion in the 2022 CoC Application to HUD: 1. Union Station Homeless Services Centennial Place PSH Supportive Services (Reallocation), 2. Step Up PSH (Reallocation), 3. Union Station Homeless Services Centennial Place PSH Supportive Services (CoC Bonus) and 4. Volunteers of America Los Angeles Domestic Violence Rapid Rehousing (DV Bonus). Staff had originally intended to return to Council at a later date to request authorization to enter into contract agreements with agencies for new projects if they were selected for funding by HUD since the projects had yet to be selected as of September 12. Now that new projects have been selected, staff recommend authorization for two contracts with Union Station Homeless Services, one contract with Step Up on Second Street, Inc. and one contract with Volunteers of America to provide permanent housing programs for people experiencing homelessness in Pasadena. A revised list of renewal and new projects with the respective funding amounts is summarized in Attachment "B".

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

Approval of the subject recommendations will provide permanent housing and supportive services to individuals, families and youth who have experienced homelessness in Pasadena. This action is consistent with the City Council's goal to support and promote the quality of life and local economy. The proposed projects are in accordance with the Pasadena Continuum of Care system, General Plan Housing Element, Five-Year Consolidated Plan, and Five-Year Public Housing Authority Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The actions proposed herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3), the "common sense" provision of CEQA which applies to projects which may have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The submittal of the 2022 Continuum

of Care Consolidated Application to HUD for homeless services grant funding will not have a significant effect on the environment and, hence, is not subject to CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of the recommended action will have no fiscal impact as the award of CoC grant funds was anticipated and included in the Department's adopted FY 2023 Operating Budget.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment A: City Council Agenda Report – September 12, 2022
Attachment B: 2022 CoC Consolidated Application – Revised Renewal and New Projects