



CITY OF LONG BEACH R-12

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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August 14, 2012

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to submit a grant application, through the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services, to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the 2012 Continuum of Care for Homeless Assistance Program, and execute all necessary documents, subgrants and any amendments changing the amount of the award or extending the grant term upon receipt of HUD funding. The grant award amount will be between \$6.5 million and \$8 million, for a period of one to five years. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

In 1994, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) established the Continuum of Care (CoC) program, which rewards communities that work together to coordinate housing and supportive service programs for homeless persons. The City has applied for CoC funding since 1995, in an effort to support the assets of the Villages at Cabrillo and the Multi-Service Center (MSC), which were acquired under the required homeless conveyance of the Base Realignment and Closure Act. Since 1995, HUD has awarded more than \$65 million in Federal CoC grants in Long Beach to sustain the Villages at Cabrillo and MSC sites for the past 17 years to address homelessness. The driving force behind this effort is to develop a seamless strategy that aids individuals and families with children in the transition from homelessness to permanent housing. The CoC's primary objective is to assist homeless individuals and families to leave the streets, become stable, and achieve self-sufficiency to the maximum extent possible. The CoC system consists of the following components: 1) outreach and assessment, 2) emergency shelter, 3) supportive services, 4) transitional housing, and 5) permanent housing with and without supportive services.

As a part of the CoC, the community must demonstrate how all available funds and programs are used to leverage CoC funds. The CoC strategy must align with the City's Consolidated Plan and Housing Element components in relation to poverty and homelessness. Examples of leveraged community resources include, but are not limited to: Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), HOME funds, Section 8 federal funds, Public Housing funds, and other State, city, county, private, and foundation funds. The local Continuum of Care system, combined with all of its nonprofit partner agencies, leverages almost \$20 million in funds from these other sources to promote a seamless, effective service delivery model that has been recognized both regionally and nationally.

On August 9, 2011, the City Council approved the Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) to be the lead applicant for the 2011 CoC Homeless Assistance Program. The Health Department was subsequently granted \$7,272,672 to fund 32 renewal programs and one new bonus project. Attachment 1 is a listing of agencies that are eligible to apply for annual renewal in the 2012 process as part of the City's funding application.

The Long Beach Continuum of Care application funds supportive services at the Multi-Service Center for street outreach coordination, case management, employment placement, medical care, shelter and permanent housing placement, residential programs for veterans and homeless families located at the Villages at Cabrillo, mental health, childcare and domestic violence programs serving the City of Long Beach.

The City's Homeless Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) oversees the grant renewal/ allocation process, in collaboration with the CoC Steering Committee, comprised of diverse community stakeholders. The HSAC is requesting that the Health Department again be the lead grantee for 2012 and is recommending that the sub-grantees that were chosen through the 2011 Request for Proposal (RFP) process remain eligible for the 2012 application submission to HUD. As a result of this authorization, the Health Department will be responsible for compiling the application, which will include the proposed sub-grantees, for submission to HUD. Upon award notification from HUD, the Health Department will monitor the performance of all program sub-grantees to ensure compliance with Federal and local grant requirements. The City's Housing Authority will administer the Shelter Plus Care rental subsidies that are awarded.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on July 11, 2012 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on July 16, 2012.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 14, 2012 to allow the Health Department to begin the process of responding to the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the grant application.

FISCAL IMPACT

If awarded, the grant is estimated to be between \$6.5 and \$8 million. The Health Department portion of the grant is expected to be approximately \$902,958, with a cash match requirement of \$214,992. Funding will be made available through HUD and an appropriation will be requested in the Health Fund (SR 130) and in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE), as needed. Currently, eleven City employees facilitate the operations of the Multi-Service Center and seven City employees provide grant management and oversight services. Sub-recipient contracts with 12 non-profit agencies support more than 100 other jobs in Long Beach.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Barrow, Chair
Homeless Services Advisory Committee

By:



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APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

Attachment

ATTACHMENT 1

The following agencies expressed an interest to the 2011 Request for Proposals to become sub-recipients of Continuum of Care funding as part of a consolidated application prepared by the Department of Health and Human Services. Selections will be dependent upon final funding allocations as determined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

- 1736 Family Crisis Center
- Beyond Shelter, Inc.
- Catholic Charities
- Comprehensive Child Development
- Children Today
- Goodwill Serving the People of Southern Los Angeles County (SOLAC)
- Interval House
- Mental Health America of Los Angeles
- New Image Emergency Shelter
- People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) Ventures
- The Children's Clinic Serving Children and Their Families
- United States Veterans Initiative, Inc.