


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	21-434	Meeting:	October 18, 2021
	Agenda Item:	24	Roll Call:	21-1561
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the 2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program application to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to promote a community-wide goal of ending homelessness.

SYNOPSIS:

This action is for City Council to approve an application to HUD for the 2021 CoC Program, which provides funding for efforts by community partners to quickly re-house homeless persons, minimize trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness, to promote access to programs, and optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness. The application and service provider or subrecipient ranking are as recommended by Homeward, formerly Polk County Continuum of Care, Board and its grant review committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$4,433,263

Funding Source: Program Year 2021 HUD Continuum of Care Competitive Grant Program

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Every year, HUD releases a notification of funding for the CoC Program. This year, the notice was issued on August 18, 2021. The application is due November 16, 2021.
- Homeward, in partnership with the City, facilitates a local competitive grant review process where service providers working with homeless or persons at risk of homeless submit proposals for funding renewal or new programs. Most proposals are funding renewal requests of existing programs.
- As part of the competitive application process, CoC Programs have been asked to prioritize projects as the most effective programs, serving the most vulnerable population, utilizing a coordinated intake system, and practice housing first and cost effectiveness.
- Usually, when prioritizing and ranking projects, there are two (2) tiers. Some providers may be at risk of losing funding if categorized into Tier 2. In the 2021 cycle, however, all service

providers are within the Tier 1 and expected to receive their full funding request regardless of their ranking by the Grant Review Committee and Homeward Board.

- The 2021 HUD CoC Program allows the City and Homeward to channel \$3,529,940 in federal funds to support 10 regular CoC projects. In addition, \$903,323 is available for six (6) CoC projects to address youth homelessness. Additional funds are also be requested for planning and administration for Homeward staff.
- The Homeward Board of Directors met on October 18, 2021 to approve a motion to adopt the 2021 application as recommended by the Homeward Grant Committee and forward it to the City Council for approval.
- A summary of all the regular CoC projects are as follows:

Summary by Project, Ranked in Order by Highest to Lowest Scores	
Applicant	Allocated Amount
Institute for Community Alliances: Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$ 108,419
Primary Health Care: Centralized Intake (CI)	\$ 147,882
Anawim: Homeless Opportunity Program (HOP) Consolidated	\$ 1,041,906
Iowa Homeless Youth Center: Rapid Re-housing (RRH)	\$ 162,762
Children and Families of Iowa: RRH	\$ 104,508
Anawim: Consolidated	\$ 1,297,830
Iowa Homeless Youth Center: Transitional Housing/RRH	\$ 298,185
Primary Health Care: RRH - Singles and Families	\$ 78,285
Primary Health Care: RRH 1 - Families	\$ 207,396
Primary Health Care: RRH 2 - Singles	\$ 83,151

- Projects under the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP), also available for full funding, are as follows:

YHDP Ranked in Order by Highest to Lowest Scores	
Applicant	Allocated Amount
Iowa Homeless Youth Center: YHDP Supportive Services, Mental Health	\$ 152,089
Anawim: YHDP, Consolidated	\$ 187,037
Institute for Community Alliances: YHDP, HMIS	\$ 37,470
Primary Health Care: YHDP Supportive Services, Housing Navigator	\$ 81,223
Iowa Homeless Youth Center: YHDP, RRH	\$ 263,676
Children and Families of Iowa: YHDP, Transitional Housing/RRH	\$ 181,829

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

Date: September 9, 2019

Roll Call Number: [19-1406](#)

Action: [2019](#) U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Program Application. ([Council Communication No. 19-383](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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