

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	23-421	Meeting:	September 11, 2023
	Agenda Item:	30	Roll Call:	23-1254
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) Grant Program competitive application, including noncompetitive award of Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program renewal and replacement grants, to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

SYNOPSIS:

This action is for City Council to approve an application to HUD for the 2023 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 subrecipient ranking are as recommended by Homeward, formerly Polk County Continuum of Care, Board and its Grant Review Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$5,476,956

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Operating Budget, Neighborhood Services Department, Special Revenue and Other Funds, Grants, Homeless Grants, Page 152

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Every year, HUD releases a notification of funding for the CoC Program. This year, the notice was issued on July 5, 2023. The application is due September 28, 2023.
- Homeward, formerly known as the Polk County Continuum of Care, 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. Renewal projects are prioritized over new projects.

- 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 2023 cycle, one new project is categorized into Tier 2 and one renewal project is split between Tier 1 and Tier 2.
- The 2023 HUD CoC Program allows the City and Homeward to channel \$3,587,604 in federal funds to support nine (9) regular CoC projects with potential to fund two (2) other projects in Tier 2 for a total of \$4,319,306.
- In addition, \$918,827 is available for six (6) CoC projects to address youth homelessness.
- Funds are also be requested for planning and administration for Homeward staff; the planning grant request is \$238,823.
- The Homeward Board of Directors met on August 21, 2023, to approve the CoC applicant rankings and forward those to the City Council for approval.
- A summary the funding requests, which are submitted as one collaborative application to HUD, are as follows:

CoC Application Ranking (Competitive)		
Applicant	Program Component	Allocation
<i>Tier 1</i>		
Institute for Community Alliances (ICA)	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$ 108,419
Primary Health Care (PHC)	Centralized Intake	\$ 147,882
Primary Health Care (PHC)	Rapid Rehousing, Consolidated	\$ 377,184
Anawim	Permanent Supportive Housing; Housing Opportunity Program Consolidated	\$ 1,074,162
Anawim	Permanent Supportive Housing, Consolidated	\$ 1,346,286
Children and Families of Iowa (CFI)	Rapid Rehousing	\$ 109,116
Iowa Homeless Youth Center (IHYC)	Rapid Rehousing	\$ 165,786
Anawim	Permanent Supportive Housing for Youth	\$ 227,451
Iowa Homeless Youth Center (IHYC)	Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing (split between Tiers)	\$ 31,318
	<i>Tier 1 Subtotal</i>	\$ 3,587,604
<i>Tier 2</i>		
Iowa Homeless Youth Center (IHYC)	Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing (split between Tiers)	\$ 270,035
Children and Families of Iowa (CFI)	Rapid Rehousing (Domestic Violence Bonus Funding)	\$ 461,667
	<i>Tier 2 Subtotal</i>	\$ 731,702
	Total CoC Request	\$ 4,319,306

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP; Noncompetitive)		
Applicant	Program Component	Allocation
Primary Health Care (PHC)	Supportive Service Only, Housing Navigator	\$ 81,222
Children and Families of Iowa (CFI)	Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing	\$ 186,773
Iowa Homeless Youth Center (IHYC)	Supportive Service Only, Mental Health	\$ 152,089
Iowa Homeless Youth Center (IHYC)	Rapid Rehousing	\$ 268,704
Anawim	Permanent Supportive Housing	\$ 192,569
Institute for Community Alliances (ICA)	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$ 37,470
Total YHDP Request		\$ 918,827

Other Funding Request		
Homeward	CoC Planning Grant	\$ 238,823
Total Request to HUD (CoC + YHDP + Planning)		\$ 5,476,956

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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