


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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	Agenda Item:	24	Roll Call:	24-1572
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AGENDA HEADING:

Continuum of Care (CoC) Builds application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

SYNOPSIS:

One (1)-time funding under HUD’s CoC Program is available for the development of permanent supportive housing (PSH). The City of Des Moines is an eligible applicant for funding and plans to submit an application in collaboration with Greater Des Moines Supportive Housing.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Up to \$5 million

Funding Source: HUD

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The CoC Builds (CoCBUILDS) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) targets efforts within CoC geographic areas to address and reduce persons experiencing homelessness by adding new units of PSH through new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation through one (1)-time CoCBUILDS awards under the CoC Program.
- Through the CoCBUILDS NOFO, HUD is encouraging CoCs to leverage funds provided for construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of new PSH units with other funding sources to maximize the amount of housing that can be directed to meeting the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- This is a competitive application with a projected 25 awards to be made across the United States.
- Applications will be rated based on:
 - Development experience and leveraging;
 - Experience managing homeless projects;
 - Implementation schedule;

- Property maintenance;
 - Unmet housing need;
 - Management of rental housing;
 - Coordinated entry;
 - Coordination with housing providers, healthcare organizations, and social service providers;
 - Experience promoting racial equity;
 - Community integration with persons with disabilities; and
 - Section 3 requirements.
- The proposed site for the application is 1050 6th Avenue.
 - If CoCBuilds is awarded and the project passes all environmental review, underwriting, subsidy layering, and federal compliance criteria, the City intends to also award up to \$1.5 million in HOME Investment Partnerships Program, as authorized under the American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP), and \$1 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), including a potential award of Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV), funds for the project.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

If the City is awarded the CoCBuilds grants from HUD, there will be actions to approve the grant agreement, approve Greater Des Moines Supportive Housing as a subrecipient or developer, and Council actions to approve additional funding under the HOME-ARP and CDBG programs.

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