THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: September 26, 2023

Subject: Approval of Applications for Federal FY 2022-23 HUD Continuum of Care Funding

Staff Resource(s): Nikki Reid, Community and Economic Development Director
Emily Ball, Homeless Strategy Division Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign and submit the City of Asheville's Planning and Homeless Management Information System grant applications in the Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Continuum of Care Competition and accept any funds awarded.

Background:

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care program provides federal resources to local communities for homeless and housing programs.
- Communities access funding by applying together through a designated lead agency, called the Collaborative Applicant.
- The City of Asheville is the Collaborative Applicant for the NC-501 Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care and is responsible for submitting the Consolidated Application to HUD, which consists of individual project applications submitted by local agencies and a narrative application describing the community's collective efforts to end homelessness.
- Each Continuum of Care has a designated Governance Board responsible for reviewing and ranking local project applications and making funding recommendations to HUD.
- The Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee (HIAC) serves as the Governance Board for the NC-501 Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care.
- The notice of funding opportunity was posted on the City's website July 11, 2023 and distributed widely.
- Project applications were received from Homeward Bound, Helpmate, and the City of Asheville.
- Project applications were reviewed, scored, and ranked by the Funding Allocations Work Group of HIAC.
- At its September 12, 2023 meeting, HIAC unanimously approved the Funding Allocations Work Group's recommendation to submit project applications totalling $2,166,409 to HUD.
- The recommendation includes renewal funding of existing grants awarded to the City of Asheville to operate the Homeless Management Information System on behalf of the community ($63,744) and a non-competitive Planning Grant to fulfill its duties as Collaborative Applicant ($92,836).

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- N/A

Council Goal(s):

- Quality Affordable Housing
- Connected and Engaged Community

Committee(s):

- Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee - unanimously voted to approve the Consolidated Application, including recommending specific funding amounts for each applicant, at its September 12, 2023 called meeting.
- Housing & Community Development Committee - unanimously voted to recommend that City Council authorize the City Manager to sign and submit the City of Asheville's Planning and Homeless Management Information System grant applications in the FY2023 Continuum of Care Competition and accept any funds awarded at its September 19, 2023 meeting.

Pro(s):

- Renews federal resources for housing programs that help people exit homelessness
- Supports Council priority on Houselessness Strategies

Con(s):

- None noted

Fiscal Impact:

- If awarded, the grant will fund $92,836 in planning costs for the City to fulfill its role as CoC Lead and $63,744 to operate the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
- Both grants are renewals of existing grants.
- These grants would take effect January 1, 2025 and are budgeted as part of the annual budget process.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign and submit the City of Asheville's Planning and Homeless Management Information System grant applications in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Continuum of Care Competition and accept any funds awarded.

Attachment(s):

- Funding Allocations Work Group Recommendations approved by HIAC
- Resolution

Funding Allocations Work Group Recommendations
Approved by HIAC: September 12, 2023

Rank	Applicant	Project	Amount
1	Helpmate	Housing Support for Domestic Violence Survivors (RRH)	$198,626
2	Helpmate	*DV Bonus*: Housing Support for Domestic Violence Survivors 2 (RRH)	$86,883
3	Homeward Bound	Bridge to Recovery (PSH)	$433,473
4	Homeward Bound	Shelter Plus Care (PSH)	$447,472
5	Homeward Bound	PSH 1	$297,458
6	City of Asheville	HMIS	$63,744
7	Homeward Bound	PSH 5	$217,381
8	Homeward Bound	PSH 2	$87,892
9	Homeward Bound	PSH 3	$110,674
10	Homeward Bound	*CoC Bonus*: Rapid Rehousing 1	$129,970
N/A	City of Asheville	Planning	$92,836
Total			**$2,166,409**

RESOLUTION NO. 23-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AND SUBMIT THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE'S PLANNING AND HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM GRANT APPLICATIONS IN THE FY2023 CONTINUUM OF CARE COMPETITION AND ACCEPT ANY FUNDS AWARDED

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will allocate funds to project applicants in the Federal FY2023 Continuum of Care Competition based on Consolidated Applications submitted by Continuum of Care Collaborative Applicants; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville is the designated Collaborative Applicant for the NC-501 Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care; and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee, as the NC-501 Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care Governance Board, has approved the Consolidated Application for submission by the City of Asheville; and

WHEREAS, the approved Consolidated Application requests a total funds in the amount of $2,166,409, which includes renewal applications for the City of Asheville to operate the Homeless Management Information System on behalf of the community ($63,744) and a non-competitive Planning Grant to fulfill its duties as Collaborative Applicant ($92,836);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to sign and submit the City of Asheville's Planning and Homeless Management Information System grant applications in the FY2023 Continuum of Care Competition and accept any funds awarded.

Read, approved and adopted this the 26th day of September, 2023.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney