THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: November 9, 2021

Subject: NC-501 Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care Application and Funding Applications

Staff Resource(s): Nikki Reid, Interim Community and Economic Development Director
Paul D'Angelo, Community Development Program Director
Brian Huskey, Community Development Analyst - Homelessness Lead
Emily Ball, Homeless Services Systems Performance Lead

Action Requested: Authorize the City Manager signature and submission of Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition Consolidated Application on behalf of the NC-501 Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care, execute contracts for any grants awarded, and accept any funding awarded.

Background:

- The City of Asheville serves as the Continuum of Care Lead for the NC-501 Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care (CoC).
- Each CoC Lead is responsible for submitting the community's Consolidated Application to be considered for grant funding from the CoC Competition.
- For FY2021, there is $1,774,234 available to fund eligible renewal projects in the CoC, which includes $67,500 for the City of Asheville to operate the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for the entire NC-501 CoC.
- There is also $53,227 available for CoC Lead Planning costs (not ranked).
- There is also $195,882 of bonus funding potentially available to the NC-501 CoC for new Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing projects;
- The Finance Workgroup of the Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee (HIAC) has reviewed, scored, and ranked the project applications that were submitted during the competition period and submitted its recommendations to HIAC on October 29, 2021.
- HIAC unanimously approved the Finance Workgroup's recommendations and recommended that the City of Asheville submit the Consolidated Application, including the Project Priority Listing.

Council Goal(s):
- Quality Affordable Housing
- An Equitable and Diverse Community

Committee(s):
- Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee Finance Workgroup - October 21, 2021 - unanimously approved
- Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee - October 29, 2021 - unanimously approved

Pro(s):
- Provides revenue to support the City's role in coordination of required activities for the community to remain eligible for HUD Continuum of Care funding and support of the community's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
- Provides funding to sustain existing Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) efforts.

Con(s):
- None.

Fiscal Impact:

- $120,727 in revenue to the City of Asheville for direct support of essential operations of the Asheville-Buncombe Homeless Initiative and the community's Homeless Management Information System.
- Planning Grant requires a city match of 25% ($13,307), which is already included in the FY 2021-22 General Fund budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to authorize the City Manager's signature and submission of the FY 2021 HUD Continuum of Care Consolidated Application on behalf of the NC-501 Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care, signature and submission of FY 2021 HUD Continuum of Care Planning Grant Continuum of Care Homeless Management Information System funding applications, to execute grant agreements for any funds awarded, and accept any funds awarded.

Attachment(s)

- Project Priority Listing
- Resolution

PROJECT PRIORITY LISTING:

Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs
FY2021 Continuum of Care Funding Competition - NC-501 Asheville-Buncombe

Project Applications must be ranked as part of the Consolidated Application into Tier 1 and Tier 2.

- NC 501 FY2021 Annual Renewal Demand (the ARD is determined by HUD) = $1,774,234
- Tier 1: 100% of NC 501's ARD = $1,774,234
- CoC Planning Project (Not ranked) = $53,227 (not ranked)
- No Renewal Project Applications in this year's CoC Competition were reduced or rejected.

TIER 1

PROJECT APPLICATION	GIW/ FUNDING	TYPE	PROJECT RANKING
Shelter + Care: Homeward Bound of WNC	$461,872	PSH	1
Permanent Supportive Housing 3: Homeward Bound of WNC	$110,674	PSH	2
Permanent Supportive Housing 5: Homeward Bound of WNC	$221,581	PSH	3
Permanent Supportive Housing 1: Homeward Bound of WNC	$297,458	PSH	4
Permanent Supportive Housing 2: Homeward Bound of WNC	$87,892	PSH	5
Bridge to Recovery: Homeward Bound of WNC	$447,585	PSH	6
Helpmate: Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Support for DV Survivors	$79,672	RRH	7
NC-501 HMIS Grant - City of Asheville	$67,500	HMIS	8
SUBTOTAL	**$1,774,234**		

TIER 2

PROJECT APPLICATION	GIW/ FUNDING	TYPE	PROJECT RANKING
Helpmate: Expansion of RRH for DV Survivors (DV Bonus)	$107,170	RRH	9
PSH-5 Expansion: Homeward Bound of WNC (CoC Bonus)	$88,712	PSH	10
SUBTOTAL	**$195,582**		

NOT RANKED

PROJECT APPLICATION	GIW/ FUNDING	TYPE	PROJECT RANKING
NC-501 Continuum of Care Planning Project	$53,227	PLANNING	not ranked

Total of all FY2021 CoC projects, if awarded: $2,023,343

RESOLUTION NO. 21- _____

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AND SUBMIT THE FY2021 CONTINUUM OF CARE CONSOLIDATED ON BEHALF OF THE NC-501 CONTINUUM OF CARE, SIGN AND SUBMIT THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE'S PLANNING GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION AND HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS FUNDING APPLICATION, EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS, AND ACCEPT ANY FUNDS AWARDED.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will allocate Continuum of Care (CoC) funds to project applicants in the FY2021 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFO) Competition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has agreed to serve as the CoC Collaborative Applicant for the NC-501 Continuum of Care Consolidated Application; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has made the NC-501 Continuum of Care eligible for $1,774,234 in renewal funding for existing projects, $195,882 in potential new bonus projects, and $53,227 in Planning Grant funding for the FY2021 CoC NOFO Competition; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Workgroup of the Asheville-Buncombe Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee (HIAC) has reviewed, scored, and ranked the projecting funding applications that were submitted and made its recommendations to HIAC; and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee unanimously approved the Finance Workgroup's recommendations and recommended that the City of Asheville submit the Consolidated Application and Project Priority Listing to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development;

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

1. The Asheville City Council authorizes the City Manager to sign and submit the FY2021 Continuum of Care Consolidated Application, NC-501 Continuum of Care City of Asheville Planning Grant funding application, and NC-501 City of Asheville Homeless Management Information System funding application; and

2. Council authorizes the City Manager to sign all necessary contract documents with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Continuum of Care after approval by the City Attorney, and accept any funds awarded.

Read, approved and adopted this 9th day of November, 2021.

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CITY CLERK MAYOR

Approved As To Form:

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CITY ATTORNEY