

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: September 11, 2023

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Patrice Toney, Interim City Manager
Shantell McClam, Neighborhood Services Director

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Authorizing Annual Submission of Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant Application, Acceptance of Grant Funds, and Execution of Subgrantee Agreements

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods

Strategic Objective: Expand Housing Assistance Programs

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

On June 20, 2023, the City Council authorized application of Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Grants to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in anticipation of HUD’s Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The CoC Homeless Assistance programs are offered annually by HUD to address homelessness in local communities. Programs eligible for funding include, but are not limited to, short-term rental assistance, case management, and long-term housing vouchers for disabled persons experiencing homelessness. HUD published the NOFO on July 5, 2023 with applications due September 28, 2023. The City of Winston-Salem coordinates the funding application each year for local agencies. The City published a request for proposals on June 5, 2023, and agency applications were due on June 30, 2023. The amount of funding available from HUD for FFY 2023 (City FY 2024) is \$2,531,319.

Committee Action:

Committee	<u>CD/H/GG – 09/11/2023</u>	Action	<u>Approval</u>
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For	<u>Unanimous</u>	Against	<u></u>
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Remarks:

Existing projects may apply for renewal funding. New projects may be funded through reallocation or bonuses provided by HUD. Projects were prioritized for funding by the CoC Rating Panel, reviewed by the CoC Operating Cabinet, and approved by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Commission on Ending Homelessness. The resulting funding applications to be submitted to HUD are shown in Exhibit A. If there is insufficient funding to fund all projects, HUD will select projects and funding amounts.

The accompanying resolution authorizes the City Manager to submit the application to HUD, execute funding agreements with HUD, negotiate and execute agreements with agencies in the amount of funding provided by HUD, negotiate and execute agreements for participation in the Homeless Management Information System, and submit periodic progress reports to HUD.