

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: October 7, 2024

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

Angel Wright-Lanier, Assistant City Manager

From: Shantell McClam, Neighborhood Services Director
Shereka Floyd, Housing Programs Manager

Council Action Requested:

Resolution authorizing annual submission of Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for FFY 2024; authorize execution of grant agreements with HUD; execution of subgrantee agreements with approved project agencies; and submission of periodic progress reports to HUD.

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods

Strategic Objective: Expand Housing Assistance Programs

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The CoC Homeless Assistance programs are offered by HUD to address homelessness in local communities. HUD published the annual Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on August 29, 2024 with applications due October 30, 2024. The City of Winston-Salem coordinates the funding application each year for local agencies. Local applications were published on July 1, 2024 and were due on July 26, 2024. The amount of funding available from HUD for FFY 2024 (City FY 2025) is \$3,291,261. The funding applications to be submitted is shown in Exhibit A. If there is insufficient funding to fund all projects, HUD will select projects and funding amounts.

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 Council and approved by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Commission on Ending Homelessness.

Committee Action:

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For	_____	Against	_____
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Remarks:

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. Existing projects may apply for renewal and expansion funding. New and expansion projects may be funded through reallocation of unspent funds previously awarded or through bonus funding provided by HUD.

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.