

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: June 12, 2023

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

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

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Authorizing Annual Submission of Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant Application, Acceptance of Grants 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:

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance programs are offered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address homelessness in local communities. The City of Winston-Salem coordinates the funding application each year for local agencies. The amount of funding available from HUD for FFY 2023 (City FY 2024) is \$2,674,157. The City will issue a Request for Proposals to allocate the funds awarded by HUD.

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 projects may be funded through reallocation of unspent funds previously awarded or through bonus funding provided by HUD.

Committee Action:

Committee	<u>CDHGG, June 12, 2023</u>	Action	<u>Approval</u>
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Remarks:

Funds may also be reallocated from projects for which renewal is not requested. Projects will be 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. If there is insufficient funding to fund all projects, HUD will select projects and funding amounts.

Participation by funded agencies in a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is required by HUD. The HMIS is managed by the City. CoC grant funds are provided by HUD for operation of the HMIS.

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.