

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: June 8, 2020

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

From: Tasha Logan Ford, Assistant City Manager
Marla Y. Newman, Community Development Director

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 2020; 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. The City of Winston-Salem coordinates the funding application each year for local agencies. The base amount of funding estimated to be available from HUD is shown in Exhibit A and is based on the most recent funding awards.

The City is issuing a Request for Proposals. Existing projects may apply for renewal and expansion funding. New projects may be funded through reallocation or through bonus funding provided by HUD. Funds may be reallocated from projects for which renewal is not requested. New projects by CoC member agencies shown in Exhibit B may be funded, subject to recommendation of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Commission on Ending Homelessness.

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.

Committee Action:

Committee	<u>Finance 6/8/2020</u>	Action	<u>Approval</u>
	<u>CDHGG 6/9/2020</u>		
For	<u>Unanimous</u>	Against	<u></u>

Remarks:

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.