City Council – Action Request Form

Date: August 8, 2022

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

From: Patrice Toney, Assistant City Manager

Marla Y. Newman, Community Development Director

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Authorizing Submission of Continuum of Care Homeless (CoC) 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:

On June 22, 2022 HUD released a Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), the first of its kind package of resources to address unsheltered homelessness and homeless encampments, including funds set aside to address unsheltered homelessness by connecting vulnerable households to housing, healthcare, and supportive services. Through this Special Funding, HUD will award funding to ten CoC communities from each state to implement coordinated approaches to reduce the number of those experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

The maximum amount of funding available from HUD for FFY 2022 (City FY 2023) is \$2,233,957. 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, rental and utility assistance, short term emergency lodging, unit repairs, case management, emergency food and clothing assistance, capacity building, and long-term housing vouchers for disabled persons experiencing homelessness.

Committee Action:			
Committee	Finance 8/8/22 CDHGG 8/9/22	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	
Remarks:			

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.