



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 22, 2020

DATE: August 31, 2020

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept the Continuum of Care – Permanent Supportive Housing Program Grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in the amount of [\$91,296; \$22,824 county match] to provide housing and supportive services for homeless families retroactive for the period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant agreement; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The Agency is requesting the Board accept the Continuum of Care – Permanent Supportive Housing Program Grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in the amount of [\$91,296; \$22,824 county match] to provide housing and supportive services for homeless families retroactive for the period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.

County Priority/Goal supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Health Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

On August 27, 2019, the Board approved agenda item #7.K.1, the 2018 Continuum of Care – Permanent Supportive Housing Program Grant in the amount of \$86,328; with a required county match of \$21,582 for the period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

On August 28, 2018, the Board approved agenda item #10.D, the 2017 Continuum of Care – Permanent Supportive Housing Program Grant in the amount of \$81,324; with a required county match of \$20,592 for the period of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On May 9, 2017, the Board approved agenda item #5.D, the 2016 Continuum of Care – Permanent Supportive Housing Program Grant in the amount of \$82,368; with a required county match of \$31,513 for the period of September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018.

On November 29, 2016, the Board approved agenda item #6.G, the 2015 Continuum of Care – Permanent Supportive Housing Program Grant in the amount of \$84,619 with a county match of \$23,607; this item was approved retroactive to September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017.

On September 8, 2015, the Board approved agenda item #5.F.1, the 2014 Continuum of Care – Permanent Supportive Housing Program Grant in the amount of \$32,345 with a County match of \$2,390; this item was approved retroactive to August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016.

On September 9, 2014, the Board approved agenda item #8.E.2, the Continuum of Care Permanent Supportive Housing Program Grant in the amount of \$32,345 with a county match of \$2,390; this item was approved retroactive to September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015.

BACKGROUND

This is the sixth grant renewal from HUD for the Continuum of Care – Permanent Supportive Housing Program. This HUD grant and county match supports housing and supportive services costs (rent, utilities and case management) necessary to assist individuals with maintaining their housing.

Under the Permanent Supportive Housing Program, Washoe County acts as the housing coordinator and provides case management and supportive services necessary to help the families maintain their housing. Grant funds are used to provide for rental assistance for scattered-site housing; County matching funds are used to provide additional supportive services, program, and fiscal and grant management.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: 2019 Continuum of Care
Permanent Supportive Housing Program

Scope of the Project: This program provides housing and supportive services for approximately ten chronically homeless families.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Providing housing and supportive services to chronically homeless families helps to stabilize them and reduce the dependency on emergency community resources.

On-Going Program Support: This grant is expected to renew annually by HUD. Washoe County Human Services Agency already provides services to families in the homeless shelter and would continue to provide case management support (though not tenant based rental assistance) for these families should the grant fail to be renewed or could no longer be funded by HUD.

Award Amount: \$91,296 (**\$91,296 Direct / \$0 Indirect**)

Grant Period: September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Pass Through Entity: N/A

CFDA Number: 14.267

Grant ID Number: NV0095L9T011904

Match Amount and Type: \$22,824 cash match

Sub-Awards and Contracts: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the Indigent Fund (221) FY21 adopted budget will be increased by \$91,296 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Increase/(Decrease)</u>
IO 11745	-431100	Federal Grants	\$ 91,296.00
		Total Revenue	\$ 91,296.00
IO 11745	-710734	Residential Assistance	\$ 91,296.00
		Total Increase in Expenditures	\$ 91,296.00

Funding for the match requirement is included in the Agency’s adopted FY21 budget, the match internal order will be 60611.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept the Continuum of Care – Permanent Supportive Housing Program Grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in the amount of [\$91,296; \$22,824 county match] to provide housing and supportive services for homeless families retroactive for the period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant agreement; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “move to accept the Continuum of Care – Permanent Supportive Housing Program Grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in the amount

of [\$91,296; \$22,824 county match] to provide housing and supportive services for homeless families retroactive for the period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant agreement; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.”