



AGENDA REPORT

TO: Edward D. Reiskin
City Administrator

FROM: Sara Bedford
Director, Human Services

SUBJECT: HUD Continuum of Care (CoC)
Funding MC-FIT

DATE: June 22, 2020

City Administrator Approval

Date: July 8, 2020

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To Amend Resolution No. 87631 C.M.S. To:

- 1. Consolidate, And Align with HUD's Continuum Of Care (CoC) Grant Term Of July 1, 2020 To August 31, 2021, The HUD Families In Transition Grant And The HUD Matilda Cleveland Grant In An Estimated Total Amount Of \$546,980; And**
- 2. Award Said Consolidated HUD CoC Grant To East Oakland Community Project (EOCP) In The Consolidated Not To Exceed Amount Of \$546,980 For A Term Of July 1, 2020 To August 31, 2021; And**
- 3. Authorize The City To Accept And Appropriate Additional Grant Funds From HUD For The Same Purposes During The Same Term, And Authorize Related Amendment Of The EOCP Grant Agreement, Without Returning To Council.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Adoption of this resolution will amend Resolution No. 87631 C.M.S. and allow the City Administrator to award and execute a new HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) grant. The new grant is a combination of two existing family transitional housing-rapid rehousing grants, Matilda Cleveland (MC) and Families in Transition (FIT), which are both sub-granted to the East Oakland Community Project (EOCP). EOCP will also be a part of the new consolidated grant agreement (MC-FIT grant). The resolution authorizes the City to align the new MC-FIT grant with a new grant term (July 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021) in an amount not to exceed \$546,980.

City Council
July 14, 2020

BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Since 1994, the City of Oakland has annually received new and renewal grant awards under the Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) competitive Super Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process. Current HUD CoC grants include:

- Families in Transition (FIT) scattered-site program
- Matilda Cleveland Transitional Housing Program (MCTHP)
- Housing Fast Support Network (HFSN)
- Oakland Homeless Youth Housing Collaboration (OHYHC)
- North County Homeless Family Rapid Rehousing Collaborative (NCFRRHC)
- North County Homeless Youth Rapid Rehousing Collaborative (NCYRRHC)
- The Holland

In the fiscal year (FY) 2019-20 HUD NOFA competition, the City of Oakland applied, and was approved, to consolidate the FIT and Matilda Cleveland programs into one program. Both programs were already operated by the same provider, serving the same population of homeless families. Consolidating these two programs will reduce administrative burdens on both the City and the provider.

The transition to the new consolidated grant required the old HUD FIT and Matilda Cleveland grants with the City to end and a new HUD grant for the Matilda Cleveland Families in Transition (MC-FIT) project to begin. As part of this process, the HUD CoC FIT grant term was changed from April-March to July-August. This resolution seeks City Council authorization to amend Resolution No. 87631 C.M.S. to change the City's grant agreement terms with EOCP for the MC-FIT grant to be July 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021 for FY 2020-21. It is anticipated that HUD will adjust the grant renewal terms to be July 1-June 30 in subsequent years.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

The most recent Point-In-Time Homeless Count, conducted in January 2019 by Alameda County, estimates that approximately 4,000 individuals are homeless each night in Oakland and approximately 3,200 of these individuals are unsheltered. These numbers represent an unprecedented 47 percent increase in total homelessness in Oakland and a 63 percent increase in unsheltered homelessness since 2017. As a subset of the larger unsheltered population, on any night in Oakland there are an estimated 120 unsheltered families, mostly women with young children, living on the streets, in tents or in cars. Over the course of a year, approximately 500 families, including over 1000 children, will experience unsheltered homelessness. According to the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, children in families experiencing homelessness have increased incidence of illness and are more likely to have emotional and behavioral problems than children with stable living accommodations. Many unsheltered families need support such as Transitional or Rapid Rehousing in order to end their homelessness and obtain safe and stable housing.

If the new terms are not accepted, the City of Oakland will lose the \$546,980 HUD CoC grant and will lose 23 spaces of family transitional housing.

FISCAL IMPACT

This report and resolution recommend allocating funding in the estimated amount to the agency listed in **Table 1** below.

Table 1- MC-FIT Grant

Grantee	Activity	Project	Fund Source	Estimated Amount
East Oakland Community Project	Family transitional housing and rapid rehousing	2108.1004609.78411.54912.23408.SC22	HUD CoC	\$546,980

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

This report did not require public outreach other than the posting of this report on the website

COORDINATION

This report and legislation have been reviewed by the Office of the City Attorney and the Budget Bureau.

PAST PERFORMANCE, EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

Programs receiving HUD CoC grant funds are required to submit an Annual Performance Report (APR) to the City and HUD within 90 days of the end of the grant year. APR's include aggregate client data that tracks client demographics and program outcomes. Outcomes in FY 2018-19 include:

- FIT (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019) – Served 55 individuals, 20 adults and 35 children; 39 of whom (71 percent) were Black or African American. 100 percent of those who exited, exited into permanent housing.
- Matilda Cleveland (October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019) – Served 48 individuals, 16 adults and 32 children; 33 of whom (69 percent) were Black or African American. 100 percent of those who exited, exited into permanent housing.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: As noted in the report, all funds identified in this report are for the purpose of providing housing and services to the homeless to eliminate and prevent homelessness. Such

outcomes are achieved through rapid rehousing assistance, homelessness prevention, transitional housing, shelter services, homeless encampment services, outreach and the like.

Environmental: The provision of housing for at-risk and homeless persons is intended to address the environmental degradation caused by homeless families and individuals precariously housed or living on the streets.

Race & Equity: The expenditure of these funds is targeted to the most vulnerable and at-risk populations in this City and is providing essential and basic human services, housing and support. Homelessness in Oakland disproportionately impacts African American households. Seventy percent of people experiencing homelessness in Oakland are African American compared with 24 percent of the general population. These funds ensure that Oakland maintains a robust system for assisting its most vulnerable unsheltered families obtain and maintain housing.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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Respectfully submitted,



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