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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Sabrina B. Landreth
City Administrator

FROM: Sara Bedford
Director, Human Services

SUBJECT: 2019-2021 Alameda County Social Services Agency Match Funding

DATE: April 22, 2019

City Administrator Approval

Date:

5/2/19

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To:

- 1) Accept And Appropriate Alameda County Social Service Agency Grant Funds In An Amount Of \$349,056 For Fiscal Year 2019-2020 And \$350,134 For Fiscal Year 2020-2021 For The Henry J. Robinson Multi Service Center, And Accept Additional Funds And Adjust The Appropriation Depending On The Exact Grant Award; And**
- 2) Enter Into A Grant Agreement With Bay Area Community Services For The Provision Of Transitional Housing And Support Services Each Year For Fiscal Years 2019-2020 And 2020-2021; And**
- 3) Authorize A Contribution From The General Purpose Fund In The Amount Equivalent To The Department's Central Services Overhead In An Estimated Amount Of \$4,459 For Fiscal Year 2019-2020 And \$4,548 For Fiscal Year 2020-2021.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This resolution authorizes the City Administrator to enter in an agreement with Alameda County Social Services Agency (SSA) and receive funds in an amount of \$349,056 for fiscal year (FY) 2019-2020 and \$350,134 for FY 2020-2021 in order to provide Housing Fast Support Network (HFSN) match funds to operate the Henry J. Robinson Multi Service Center (HRMSC). It allows the City to appropriate said funds and enter into a grant agreement with Bay Area Community Services (BACS) for the provision of transitional housing and support services under the HFSN program for Fiscal Years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

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BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

The HFSN is a 137-bed Interim Housing program serving single individuals who enter directly from the streets. All people entering the HFSN are homeless, extremely low income and nearly half have serious mental illnesses. Many also suffer from alcohol abuse, drug abuse, physical disabilities, and chronic health conditions. Overall, 80 percent report some form of disability. The HFSN is currently the main entryway into the homeless services system and off of the streets for a large number of homeless individuals in Oakland. Each year, the program serves almost 300 people and successfully assists over 80 percent of their to clients end their homelessness and return to being housed members of the community. Services are provided by BACS pursuant to grant agreements with the City of Oakland.

One of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding requirements is cash/in-kind match of 25 percent which is set forth in the annual HUD grant award letter. This requirement is partially satisfied through the Alameda County Social Services Agency (SSA) grant funds.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

City Council approval of staff recommendations included in this Council report and resolution supports the objectives of the HUD grant-funded program located at the HFSN. These objectives include ending the homelessness of single individuals in Oakland.

The City has been a strong partner with Alameda County in the development of a Coordinated Entry System for homeless services. A Coordinated Entry System is a standardized method to connect people experiencing homelessness to the resources available in a community. Coordinated entry processes help communities prioritize housing assistance based on vulnerability and the severity of housing barriers to ensure that people who need assistance the most receive it in a timely manner. In 2017, the City and County launched coordinated entry efforts. All people who access the HFSN have come through the coordinated entry process. This process ensures that those most in need are prioritized for this program.

With City Council's authorization to enter into funding agreements, Oakland will receive an estimated \$349,056 for FY 2019-2020 and an estimated \$350,134 for FY 2020-2021 from the Alameda County SSA. Each year \$297,030 of these funds will be used as match to assist the City in leveraging the \$1,864,465 of Federal funds from the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) grant for HFSN. City will enter into a grant agreement with BACS each year to use the \$297,030 to deliver transitional housing and support services to homeless individuals. BACS will assist residents from HFSN to move into permanent housing with six months of aftercare support (subsidies and case management).

The HFSN has demonstrated that an interim housing program can take formerly homeless adults off the streets, place them into permanent housing, and provide support and after-care services to ensure that once placed, the formerly homeless adults do not revert back to the unsheltered homeless population.

If Council does not approve the Resolution, the City will need to identify the match replacement to satisfy the HUD 25% match requirement for HUD CoC funds.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this resolution authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of \$349,056 in Alameda County SSA funds for FY 2019-2020. This funding is included in the Mayor's Proposed FY 2019-2021 budget pending City Council adoption and will be appropriated in the County of Alameda Grants Fund (2160), Community Housing Services Organization (78411), Multi Service Center Project (1004591), Task (1 Default), Award (23416), and Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22). Approval of this resolution also authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of \$350,134 for FY 2020-2021. This funding is included in the Mayor's Proposed FY 2019-2021 budget pending City Council adoption and will be appropriated in the County of Alameda Grants Fund (2160), Community Housing Services Organization (78411), Multi Service Center Project (1004613), Task (1 Default), Award (23416), and Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22). The Human Services Department (HSD) is requesting a contribution from the general purpose fund in an amount equivalent to central services overhead in an estimated amount of \$4,329 each year for FY 2019-2020 FY 2020-2021. The resolution authorizes the City Administrator to accept additional funds and adjust the appropriations depending on the final SSA grant award.

Further, approval of this resolution will authorize the City Administrator to enter into a grant agreement with BACS in an amount not to exceed \$297,030 each year for FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 for the provision of transitional housing and support services under the HFSN program. The resolution authorizes the City Administrator to adjust the grant amount depending on the final SSA grant award.

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PAST PERFORMANCE, EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

For a review period of March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018, Bay Area Community Services, the operator of the HFSN and grantee of the SSA grant funds, have met and in some cases exceeded expected outcomes and performance measures

- 275 individual households received transitional housing and support services from March 2017- February 2018.
- 86 percent (131 individual households) of all individuals exiting the HFSN were placed into permanent housing.
- 65 percent (95 households of 145 households that exited to permanent housing) of the exits to permanent housing did so without on-going subsidy.
- The average length of stay in the HFSN was 8.1 months

The racial, ethnic, gender, and age profile of the 275 program participants served during the period March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018 is as follows:

- Race
 - White: 32

- Black or African American: 208
- Asian: 2
- American Indian or Alaska Native: Three
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: Two
- Multiple Races: 12

- Ethnicity
 - Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino: 247
 - Hispanic/Latino: 14

- Gender
 - Male: 162
 - Female: 98
 - Trans Male (Female to Male): One

- Age
 - 18-24: 9
 - 25-34: 39
 - 35-44: 39
 - 45-54: 76
 - 55-61: 62
 - 62+: 37

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

No additional public outreach was deemed necessary for this report, other than the standard posting on the City's website.

COORDINATION

Preparation of this report included coordination with the Human Services Department (HSD), Office of the City Attorney, and Budget Bureau.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: As noted in the report, all funds identified 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, homeless encampment services, and outreach.

Environmental: The provision of transitional housing and support services is intended to address the environmental degradation caused by homeless individuals precariously housed or living on the streets.

Social 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.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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- 2) Enter Into A Grant Agreement With Bay Area Community Services For The Provision Of Transitional Housing And Support Services Each Year For Fiscal Years 2019-2020 And 2020-2021; And
- 3) Authorize A Contribution From The General Purpose Fund In The Amount Equivalent To The Department's Central Services Overhead In An Estimated Amount Of \$4,459 For Fiscal Year 2019-2020 And \$4,548 For Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Lara Tannenbaum, Manager, Community Housing Services Division, at 510-238-6187.

Respectfully submitted,


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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION:

1) AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE ALAMEDA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT OF \$349,056 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 AND \$350,134 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FOR THE HENRY J. ROBINSON MULTI SERVICE CENTER, AND ACCEPT ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND ADJUST THE APPROPRIATION DEPENDING ON THE EXACT GRANT AWARD; AND

2) AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH BAY AREA COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES EACH YEAR FOR FISCAL YEARS 2019-2020 AND 2020-2021; AND

3) AUTHORIZING A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE GENERAL PURPOSE FUND IN THE AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL SERVICES OVERHEAD IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$4,459 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 AND \$4,548 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Social Services Agency (SSA) has partnered with the City since 1991, to provide program match funds required by the Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Transitional Housing Program (THP) that provides support services and transitional housing to homeless single adults; and

WHEREAS, to implement HUD THP program at the Henry Robinson Multi Service Center (HRMSC) the City of Oakland enters into grant agreements with Bay Area Community Services to provide transitional housing and support services to homeless single adults; and

WHEREAS, the County SSA grant funds is a one year funding cycle and City staff expects that the City of Oakland will receive approximately \$349,056 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and \$350,134 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, and seeks authorization to accept and appropriate those funds as they become available; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to execute a grant agreement with Bay Area Community Services in the amount of \$297,030 for transitional housing and support services to homeless single adults for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and 2020-2021; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate SSA funds in the amount of \$349,056 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and \$350,134 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, and to increase or reduce these appropriations depending on the exact SSA award without returning to Council; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into a grant agreement with Bay Area Community Services in an amount not to exceed \$297,030 for transitional housing and support services each year for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, and amend the agreement to adjust the grant amount if additional SSA funds become available within the grant term; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or his designee is hereby authorized to negotiate, submit and execute all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, grant agreements, amendments, payment requests, reports, and related actions for the completion of these programs for Fiscal Years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 without returning to Council; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes a contribution from the General Purpose Fund in an amount equivalent to the Department's Central Services Overhead in the County SSA to HFSN projects (1004591 and 1004613) in an estimated amount of \$4,459 in fiscal year 2019-2020 and \$4,548 in fiscal year 2020-2021; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the above agreements shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the City Attorney as to form and legality and placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO and PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -