



# MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda  
Item No. IX. L  
12/17/2024

## The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Resolution approving the 2023 Continuum of Care Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the 2023 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Operating Agreement Renewal with Sisu Youth, Inc. for \$496,665, retroactive to October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, and authorizing execution of necessary documents. All Wards.

### **Background:**

The Continuum of Care (CoC) program provides funding and planning support to local, nonprofit service providers to help them identify, prioritize, and meet the needs of homeless individuals with disabilities or families with a disabled head of household. In Oklahoma City, the Program emphasizes quickly rehousing homeless individuals, families, youth, and persons fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking, while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness. The Program promotes access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families to optimize their self-sufficiency.

On September 28, 2023, the Planning Staff submitted application for seventeen CoC projects (fourteen renewal projects, one new project, and two expansion projects) to be funded under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act. On February 26, 2024, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) informed the City that all seventeen projects (fourteen renewal projects, two expansion projects, and one new project) had been approved for funding. In addition, the Renewal or Replacement of Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grants (five projects) had been approved for funding. One (1) Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Renewal Operating Agreement, OK0190Y6I022301, is being submitted today.

The CoC Program does not operate on the City or Federal Fiscal Year and project performance periods are determined by the date awarded organizations first began providing services during their initial grant term. Operating Agreements with provider organizations cannot be approved without contracts with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which were only recently received.

This Project will be operated by Sisu Youth, Inc. and will provide emergency services for youth experiencing homelessness.

### **Cost:**

\$496,665 in federal funding. 25% match is to be provided by Sisu Youth, Inc.

**Source of Funds:**

Grants Management – Department of Housing and Urban Development – Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program – OK0190Y6I022301 (1906-2408080-G0000-G80457)

**Review:**

Planning Department

**Recommendation:** Resolution be adopted.