



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX. P
2/13/2024

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

First Amendment to the 2021 Continuum of Care Program Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Housing and The City of Oklahoma City for the 2021 Continuum of Care Planning Project number OK0175L6I022100; \$127,466, extending the grant term through June 30, 2024.

Background:

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program provides funding and planning support to local, non-profit 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 November 9, 2021, (Item No.IX.AF), the City Council approved submittal of the application for fifteen renewal CoC projects, four new projects and Planning Project Grant funds to be funded under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act. On March 2, 2022, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) informed the City that all renewal projects, two of the four requested new projects and the Planning Project had been approved for funding.

On January 31, 2023, the City Council approved the 2021 Continuum of Care Program Grant Agreement between HUD and the City for eighteen projects, and Operating Agreements with local service providers (Item IX,AE). One of the agreements with HUD provided Planning Project funds to assist City staff with managing the CoC Program.

Due to the awarding of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program and other available funding sources, not all Planning funds were used as rapidly as staff had anticipated and some funds remain. Staff identified other needs that the funds may be used to address that otherwise would have to wait until the awarding of the 2023 CoC Planning Project Grant.

HUD has agreed to extend the 2021 Planning grant to allow staff to address those needs. The item being submitted for approval today will extend the grant term by six (6) months until June 30, 2024.

The CoC Program does not operate on the City or Federal Fiscal Years, and project performance periods are determined by when awarded organizations first began providing services during their initial grant term

Cost:

\$127,466 in federal funding. The City match is not required for this Grant.

Source of Funds:

Grants Management – Department of Housing and Urban Development – Continuum of Care Program - OK0175L6I022100 (019-6140-2408055-G80401)

Review:

Planning

Recommendation: Amendment be approved.