



## **CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE JOINT MEETING: GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL AND GLENDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY**

### **AGENDA ITEM**

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Report: Acceptance of grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2023 Continuum of Care Program; and note and file the City of Glendale's 2024 Homeless Point-in-Time Count.

1. Council Motion approving acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$2,930,721 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program; authorizing the City Manager or a designee to execute all agreements, certifications, and documents necessary to accept and implement the funds; and noting and filing the City of Glendale's 2024 Homeless Point-in-Time Count.
2. Resolution of Appropriation to appropriate grant funds in the amount of \$2,930,721 received from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program.
3. Housing Authority Motion approving acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$2,930,721 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program; authorizing the Executive Director or a designee to execute all agreements, certifications, and documents necessary to accept and implement the funds; and noting and filing the City of Glendale's 2024 Homeless Point-in-Time Count.

### **COUNCIL ACTION**

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**Item Type:** Action Item

**Approved for** June 11, 2024 **calendar**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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Each year, the City of Glendale, on behalf of the Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC), submits a grant application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to fund existing and new CoC homeless services projects. This year, eight existing projects in the Glendale CoC were eligible for renewal funding under the 2023 CoC competition.

In addition, the City applied for a new CoC Planning Project. On February 26, 2024, HUD announced the fiscal year 2023 funding awards for CoC projects operating in the 2024-2025 program year ("2023 CoC Program"), totaling \$2,930,721 for the Glendale CoC.

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Funding was secured for all renewal projects and the CoC Planning Project. The CoC received a total increase of \$189,550 (for the 2023 CoC Program).

## **Homeless Count**

Each year, the City conducts a Homeless Point-in-Time count. This year, the count was held on January 24, 2024, in which a total of 179 homeless persons were surveyed in Glendale, compared to 195 homeless persons in 2023. This represents an 8% decrease in the homeless population in Glendale.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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It is respectfully recommended:

### City Council:

That City Council approve a Motion accepting the 2023 CoC Program funds and authorize a Resolution of Appropriation to appropriate a total of \$2,930,721; authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements, certifications, and documents necessary to accept and implement the funds; and note and file the City of Glendale's 2024 Homeless Point-in-Time Count.

### Housing Authority:

That the Housing Authority approve a Motion accepting the 2023 CoC Program funds in the amount of \$2,930,721; authorize the Executive Director to execute all agreements, certifications, and documents necessary to accept and implement the funds; and note and file the City of Glendale's 2024 Homeless Point-in-Time Count

## **ANALYSIS**

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Each year, HUD releases a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)—formerly known as a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)—signifying the beginning of the CoC Program funding competition among approximately 450 CoCs. The 2023 CoC NOFO was released on July 5, 2023, making approximately \$3.13 billion of competitive grant funding for supportive services and housing programs for people experiencing homelessness available to homeless services organizations across the country.

Since 1996, the City has applied for and received CoC Homeless Assistance funds through the CoC program competition on behalf of the CoC and the CoC Board. Through this annual competitive process, over \$63 million in federal funding from HUD has been awarded to the City exclusively for homeless programs. The City is one of only three cities in the County of Los Angeles that operates its own homeless CoC and is eligible to receive CoC funds directly from HUD. All other communities in the County fall under the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).

The CoC Program (24 CFR part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment with the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for efforts by nonprofit

providers, state, and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

On September 26, 2023, City Council and Housing Authority approved the CoC Program Priorities and the funding recommendations by the Glendale CoC Board and authorized the submission of the Funding Application to HUD, as part of the 2023 CoC NOFO competition. This year, eight existing projects in Glendale CoC were eligible for renewal funding under the 2023 competition. In addition, the City applied for a new CoC Planning Project. The total funding requested for all projects, new/renewal, was \$2,741,171.

On February 26, 2024, HUD announced \$2,930,721 in CoC competition awards for the Glendale CoC (**Exhibit 1**). Of the \$2,930,721 award, funding has been secured for all renewal projects in the amount of \$2,797,654, and for the new CoC Planning Project in the amount of \$133,067. The CoC received a \$136,323 increase for renewal projects over FY 22 funding due to the Fair Market Rent adjustments made by HUD for Permanent Support Housing Projects. In addition, the City received a \$53,277 increase for the new CoC Planning Project over FY 22 CoC Planning Project funding.

## **HOMELESS COUNT**

The City completed its 2024 Homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) count on January 24, 2024. A total of 179 persons were counted according to the City's 2024 Homeless Count and Survey Report and the Homeless Information Management System (HMIS). The previous full homeless count and subpopulation survey conducted in January of 2022 counted 195 homeless persons. A comparison of the last two counts reveals an 8% decrease (nine less persons) counted in 2024. A total of 80 (44%) unduplicated unsheltered persons and 99 (55%) sheltered persons were counted.

Table 1: Comparison of 2023 and 2024 Homeless Counts

<b>Homeless Point-In-Time Count</b>	<b>Sheltered</b>	<b>Unsheltered</b>	<b>Total</b>
2023	106	89	195
2024	99	80	179
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>-8%</b>

## **Sheltered**

The sheltered count revealed 99 sheltered persons, of whom 23% were single adult households, while 76% were sheltered persons comprised of adults and children. Sixty-two percent (62%) of the sheltered bed inventory was dedicated to domestic violence victims on the night of the count. The Hamilton Court Transitional Housing Program operated by Door of Hope covered a significant number of beds, dedicating 44 (44%) occupied beds during the count. In addition, the YWCA of Glendale and Pasadena reported 18 beds. Sixteen out of the 99 (16%) persons identified as "chronically

homeless,” which means they have been continuously homeless at least one year, or homeless four or more times in the last three years, in which the cumulative time homeless is at least one year, and included a disabling condition. Please refer to **(Exhibit 2)** for the PIT Report submission to HUD, which breaks down the data by household type, age, race/ethnicity/chronically homeless status for the sheltered population.

### **Unsheltered**

A total of 80 unsheltered persons were counted during the night of count. The survey revealed the following: Ninety-eight percent (98%), or 78 of the 80 persons counted, were without children, and 2% were households with children. No unaccompanied youth under the age of 18 were counted during the count. Twenty-eight percent (28%), or 38 of the 80, reported chronically homeless status. Five percent (5%), or 4 of the 80, were veteran households. Please refer to **(Exhibit 2)** for the PIT Report submission to HUD, which breaks down the data by household type, age, race/ethnicity/chronically homeless status for the unsheltered.

### **STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH**

After approval from City Council/Housing Authority, agencies will be informed of formal approval and will be instructed to prepare communication materials regarding projects and expected services. Agencies will be expected to communicate regarding available services via Internet, radio spots, local newspapers and through periodic virtual and in-person meetings with community groups and stakeholders.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

HUD has awarded the Glendale CoC a total of \$2,930,721 for the 2023 CoC Program, which was not included as a part of the FY 2023-2024 budget. Therefore, staff is requesting an appropriation of \$2,930,721 from grant revenue. All sub-recipients and City programs funded by the CoC grant must provide 25% match (cash or in-kind).

The appropriation request is outlined below:

<b>Requesting Appropriation</b>			
<b>Amount</b>	<b>From (Account String)</b>	<b>To (Account String)</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
\$2,930,721	31240-2040-CSP-0020-P0000-CSP01167AG	43112-2040-CSP-0020-P000-CSP01167AG	Continuum of Care Grant Fund

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA/NEPA)**

This item is not a project as defined in CEQA Guidelines section 15378, and thus, is not an activity subject to CEQA. (CEQA Guidelines § 15060(c)(3).)

### **CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE**

This item is exempt from campaign disclosure requirements.

### **ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Alternative 1: Do not appropriate the 2023 CoC Program funds in the amount of \$2,930,721, which will result in reduced homelessness services.

Alternative 2: The City Council may consider any other alternative not proposed by staff.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

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## **EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS**

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Exhibit 1 2023 CoC Program Awards

Exhibit 2 2024 Homeless Point-In-Time Count HUD Report