



CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

Report: Acceptance of grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2024 Continuum of Care Program.

1. Council Motion approving acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$3,298,618 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the 2024 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.
2. Resolution of Appropriation to appropriate grant funds in the amount of \$3,298,618 received from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the 2024 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program.

COUNCIL ACTION

Item Type: Consent Item

Approved for March 18, 2025 **calendar**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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 2024 CoC funding competition. In addition, the City applied for a new CoC Planning Project.

On January 17, 2025, HUD announced the funding awards for CoC projects operating in the 2025-2026 program year ("2024 CoC Program"), totaling \$3,298,618 for the Glendale CoC. Funding was secured for all renewal projects and the CoC Planning Project. This year, HUD introduced a new two-year CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the first time. CoCs will now only need to submit one CoC application, which HUD will use to award funding for both FY 2024 and FY 2025. HUD also applied a first-of-its-kind cost of living adjustment to allow CoC budgets to better keep up with rising costs. This provides additional pay and support for direct service staff that will support service delivery for people experiencing homelessness. As a result, there is a \$367,897 increase in funding.

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council pass a Motion accepting the 2024 CoC Program funds and authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements, certifications, and documents necessary to accept and implement the funds; and adopt a Resolution of Appropriation to appropriate a total of \$3,298,618.

ANALYSIS

Each year, HUD releases a NOFO signifying the beginning of the CoC Program funding competition among approximately 450 CoCs. The 2024 CoC NOFO was released on July 31, 2024, making approximately \$3.6 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. Through this annual competitive process, over \$66 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 October 24, 2024, the CoC Board approved the CoC Program Priorities, funding recommendations and authorized the submission of the Funding Application to HUD, as part of the 2024 CoC NOFO competition. This year, eight existing projects in the Glendale CoC were eligible for renewal funding under the 2024 competition. In addition, the City applied for a new CoC Planning Project. The total funding requested for all projects, new/renewal, was \$2,930,721.

On January 17, 2025, HUD announced \$3,298,618 in CoC competition awards for the Glendale CoC (**Exhibit 1**). Of the \$3,298,618 award, funding has been secured for all renewal projects in the amount of \$3,165,551, and for the new CoC Planning Project in the amount of \$133,067. The CoC received a \$367,897 increase in funding for FY2024 due to the fair market rent adjustments made by HUD for Permanent Supportive Housing Projects. HUD also applied a first-of-its-kind cost of living adjustment to allow CoC budgets to better keep up with rising costs. This provides additional pay and support for direct service staff that will support service delivery for people experiencing homelessness. Furthermore, HUD introduced a new two-year CoC NOFO for the first

time. CoCs will now only need to submit one CoC application, which HUD will use to award funding for both FY 2024 and FY 2025.

Following City Council approval and appropriation of grant funds, Homeless Services staff will begin working with the existing CoC Program Sub-recipients to finalize the contract execution to continue operating the CoC 2024 funded projects.

STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH

After approval from City Council, 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 \$3,298,618 for the 2024 CoC Program, which was not included as a part of the FY 2024-2025 budget. Therefore, staff is requesting an appropriation of \$3,298,618 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:

Requesting Appropriation			
Amount	From (Account String)	To (Account String)	Funding Source
\$3,298,618	31240-2040-CSP-0020-P0000-CSP01335AG	43112-2040-CSP-0020-P0000-CSP01335AG	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).) z

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

The names and business addresses of the members of the board of directors, the chairperson, CEO, COO, CFO, subcontractors and any person or entity with more than 10% interest in the company proposed for contract in this Agenda Item Report are attached in Exhibit 2, in accordance with the City Campaign Finance Ordinance No. 5744.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Alternative 1: Do not appropriate the 2024 CoC Program funds in the amount of \$3,298,618, 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

Exhibit 1 2024 CoC Program Awards

Exhibit 2 Campaign Finance Disclosure