



CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

Report: Approval of the Proposed Sub-recipient Funding Awards for the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 4.

1. Motion to approve the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 4 proposed Sub-recipient funding awards, as recommended by the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board; and authorize the City Manager or a designee to execute all agreements, certifications, and documents necessary to accept and implement the funding.

COUNCIL ACTION

Item Type: Consent Calendar

Approved for September 10, 2024 **calendar**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The State of California has awarded the City of Glendale \$299,088.75 in Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program Round 4 (HHAP-4) funds. Administered by the California Homeless Coordinating and Financial Council, these funds are designated to combat homelessness in key areas: Interim Housing Programs, Rapid-Rehousing, Outreach, and Homeless Prevention services. Notably, at least 10% of the funds are reserved for services targeting homeless youth, and no more than 7% will be allocated for administrative expenses.

The City issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) on October 16, 2023. On December 19, 2023, the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board recommended four home services agencies for HHAP-4 funding. Once the City Council approves these recommendations, City staff will finalize agreements with the selected agencies to initiate service delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council pass the Motion to approve the HHAP-4 proposed Sub-recipient funding awards, as recommended by the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board; and authorize the City Manager or a designee to execute all agreements, certifications, and documents necessary to accept and implement the funding.

ANALYSIS

The HHAP-4 is a \$1 billion block grant program, authorized by Assembly Bill 140 (Health & Safety Code § 50218.6, et seq.), which was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 19, 2021.

The program provides block grants to Continuums of Care, large cities, and counties to enhance regional coordination and reduce homelessness. The grant funds allow for various uses of funds, such as capacity building, workforce development, funding evidence-based programs, investing in data systems, local homeless action planning, improving homeless point-in-time counts, and delivering permanent housing solutions. At least 10% of funds must be allocated for homeless youth populations, and not more than 7% for administrative costs.

HHAP-4 funding was made available as a non-competitive. Individual allocations are based on eligible applicants' proportionate share of the state's homeless population as reported by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the Point-In-Time (PIT) count. Eligible applicants were required to submit a Standard Agreement to apply for each round of funding. The CoC submitted the HHAP-4 grant application on February 28, 2023.

On March 29, 2023, the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency's (BCSH) California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) notified the Glendale CoC of its HHAP-4 award in the amount of \$299,088.75. On April 17, 2023, the CoC received its initial disbursement of 50% of the award totaling \$149,544.37. The remaining 50 will be awarded upon demonstrating that the City has obligated no less than 75 percent of the HHAP funds and spent no less than 50 percent of the initial disbursement by May 31, 2025, and that the City is on track to meet the program goals.

On October 16, 2023, the City released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to community agencies (Exhibit 1).

On December 19, 2023, City staff worked with the CoC Board to review a total of four (4) proposals, interviewed agencies that submitted proposals, and finalized funding recommendations to agencies under the HHAP-4 program (Exhibit 2).

The following CoC Board members deliberated and made the following funding recommendations:

- Melissa Younesian - Chair of CoC Board, Verdugo Jobs Center
- Lt. Alex Krikorian - Vice Chair of CoC Board, Glendale Police Department

- Barron Hopkins - Board Member, Lived Expertise
- Hagop Eulmessekian - Board Member, Glendale Unified School District
- Jeffrey Brooks - Board Member, Glendale Fire Department

FUNDING PRIORITIES

On November 14, 2022, the Glendale CoC Board approved a specific list of eligible activities based on local need. These activities were ranked from highest to lowest priority based on input received from the community and service providers as part of the Glendale Homeless Action Plan stakeholder kick-off meeting. The priority rank was used as part of the application's scoring and ranking process. The top five funding priorities were as follows:

1. Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing
2. Landlord Incentives, including but not limited to security deposits and holding fees
3. Prevention and Shelter Diversion to Permanent Housing
4. Interim Housing
5. Outreach and Coordination (which may include access to job programs) to assist vulnerable populations in accessing permanent housing and to promote housing stability in supportive housing

PROGRAM GOALS

Sub-recipients are required to establish program outcomes to monitor progress toward the goal of preventing and ending homelessness based on HUD's System Performance Measures. There are seven areas of performance. Proposed programs should align with at least two of the following system performance goals:

1. Reducing the length of time people experience homelessness
2. Reducing the number of people who return to homelessness
3. Reducing the number of people experiencing homelessness
4. Employment and income growth for people experiencing homelessness
5. Reducing first-time homelessness
6. Homelessness prevention
7. Successful exits to permanent housing after program participation

Per Health and Safety Code section 50218.7, as HHAP-4 recipient, the City will utilize funds to develop local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges by operating the following programs:

Rapid Rehousing; Interim Housing for Youth; Systems Support; and Prevention and Shelter Diversion. Less than 7% of funds will be used for administrative costs. Please refer to Exhibit 2 for a list of HHAP-4 Sub-recipients and programs.

HHAP-4 funds must be expended by June 30, 2027. Following Council approval, City staff will work with agencies to finalize HHAP-4 sub-recipient agreements to begin providing services.

STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH

The targeted participants are homeless populations in the City of Glendale including single adults experiencing homelessness; families; individuals with disabilities, physical and mental health issues, substance use disorders and social service needs.

Potential clients will be screened through the Glendale Outreach Program, Glendale Coordinated Entry Systems (CES). HHAP-4 will provide funding for staff who will utilize best practices to engage and link individuals experiencing homelessness residing on the streets with housing and supportive services.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report. The HHAP 4- funds were appropriated as part of the FY2023-2024 budget process; therefore, no appropriations are requested at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA/NEPA)

The action being considered does not constitute a “project” within the meaning of the CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) as it creates a government funding mechanism or constitutes other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

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 3, in accordance with the City Campaign Finance Ordinance No. 5744.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Alternative 1: Do not approve the proposed HHAP-4 sub-recipient funding awards as recommended by the CoC Board, which will result in reduced homelessness services.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

Submitted by:

Onnig Bulanikian, Director of Community Services & Parks

Prepared by:

Arsine Isayan, Homeless Programs Manager

Approved by:
Roubik R. Golanian, P.E., City Manager

EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS

- Exhibit 1- HHAP-4 Request for Proposal (RFP)
- Exhibit 2- HHAP-4 CoC Board Funding Recommendations
- Exhibit 3- Campaign Finance Disclosure