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San Diego Housing Commission

REPORT

DATE ISSUED: June 21, 2006 REPORT NO: HCR 06-44
ATTENTION: Chair and Members of the Housing Commission ITEM: 102
For the Agenda of July 7, 2006
SUBJECT: United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's
Super Notice of Funding Availability Applications (Citywide)

REQUESTED ACTION:

The ratification of eleven (11) grant applications submitted under the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) 2006 SuperNOFA, and revision of the FY07 Housing Commission Budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Ratify eleven (11) applications to HUD. Four (4) of the grants will fund self-sufficiency efforts to help housing-assisted families gain economic independence. Seven (7) of the grants will fund the Shelter Plus Care Program under the City's Continuum of Care. The applications include:
 - a. \$390,000 for Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinators;
 - b. \$130,000 for Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinators;
 - c. \$200,000 for the Public Housing Neighborhood Networks Program;
 - d. \$350,000 for the Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency - Family & Homeownership Program;
 - e. \$1,919,016 for one (1) new Shelter Plus Care grant and six (6) Shelter Plus Care renewal grants.
2. Request approval to forward to Housing Authority for authorization to revise the FY07 Housing Commission Budget to reflect the addition of awarded funds and authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute all required documents.

SUMMARY:

Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator Grant (HCV-FSS)

The purpose of the HCV FSS Coordinator grant is to link families participating in the Section 8 program to supportive services needed to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency. Funding is limited exclusively to salaries and benefits for FSS coordinators, at a maximum of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) per full time employee (FTE). The application is for four (4) regular FSS coordinator positions and two (2) homeownership FSS coordinators, for a total of three hundred and ninety thousand dollars (\$390,000) for one (1) year (Attachment 1), which is the maximum allowable amount. This grant has been funded annually since FFY02 and funds will be used for existing staff. The application was submitted to HUD on May 8, 2006. Housing Commission ratification of this application is sought.

Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinator Grant (PH-FSS)

The purpose of the PH-FSS program is to enable public housing residents to increase their earned income, reduce or eliminate the need for welfare assistance and make progress toward achieving economic independence and housing self-sufficiency. Funding under this grant is limited exclusively to



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salaries and benefits for FSS coordinators, at a maximum of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) per full time employee (FTE). The application is for two (2) coordinator positions, for a total of one hundred and thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000) for one (1) year (Attachment 1), which is the maximum allowable amount. This grant has been funded annually since FFY00 and funds will be used for existing staff. The application was submitted to HUD on May 9, 2006. Housing Commission ratification of this application is sought.

Public Housing Neighborhood Networks Grant

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to update and expand existing community technology centers which offer comprehensive services designed to help public housing residents achieve long-term economic self-sufficiency. The application requests two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) over a three (3) year period (Attachment 1), which is the maximum allowable amount. This grant has been funded annually since FFY02. Funds will be used to support technology and educational programming in Learning Opportunity Centers at Alaquinas (District 8) and Market Street (District 4), which are Housing Commission owned family public housing developments. The application was submitted to HUD on June 30, 2006. Housing Commission ratification of this application is sought.

Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Family and Homeownership Grant

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to create programs which help residents of public housing achieve economic self-sufficiency by linking them with services that provide educational opportunities, asset building opportunities, and homeownership counseling and services. This grant has been funded since FFY99. Funds will be used to support educational programming in Learning Opportunity Centers at Market and Santa Margarita (District 4), and Juniper (District 3), which are Housing Commission owned family public housing developments. A portion of the funds will provide match funds to participants who are saving in an individual savings account and participating in financial education classes. The application requests three hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) over a three (3) year period (Attachment 1), which is the maximum allowable amount. The application was submitted to HUD on June 30, 2006. Housing Commission ratification of this application is sought.

Continuum of Care Program Shelter Plus Care – New Grant

The City of San Diego can receive bonus funding if it ranks a permanent supportive housing project as the number one project for the City’s Homeless Continuum of Care application. The Association for Community Housing Solutions (TACHS) Pine Hollow project was ranked as the eligible proposal for this new funding round. TACHS is proposing to provide fifteen (15) units of permanent supportive housing at 5020 Federal Boulevard and to match the grant with 100% in-kind services to assist a minimum of fifteen (15) occupants with disabilities. This funding request is seven hundred seventy-three thousand, six hundred and forty dollars (\$773,640) for five (5) years of rental assistance (Attachment 2). The application was submitted to HUD on May 22, 2006. Housing Commission ratification of this application is sought.

Continuum of Care Program Shelter Plus Care Renewal Grants

Six (6) of the Housing Commission’s current Shelter Plus Care grants are due for renewal under this year’s Continuum of Care application process. While these grants were initially multi-year funded, HUD is making only one (1) year renewals available at this time, and has set aside funds to prioritize all

such renewals under the Continuum of Care NOFA. Applications for renewals were prepared for the grants which will support the following providers and will fund rental subsidies for 107 units serving 127 individuals with Shelter Plus Care housing/services:

Stepping Stone of San Diego:	\$170,544
Pathfinders of San Diego:	\$154,728
Pathfinders of San Diego:	\$111,168
Center for Social Support and Education:	\$232,008
The Association for Community Housing Solutions:	\$145,728
St. Vincent de Paul:	<u>\$331,200</u>
<i>Total:</i>	\$1,145,376

The Shelter Plus Care funding is for one (1) year of rental assistance (Attachment 2). The grant application was submitted to HUD on May 22, 2006. Housing Commission ratification of this application is sought.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Funds provided through the self-sufficiency grants will be used to support existing staff and enhance resident services.

Funds provided through the Shelter Plus Care grants will make it possible to continue rental assistance programs for permanent supportive housing.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION:

Applications for the self-sufficiency grants have been approved for funding by the Housing Commission annually since 1999.

Shelter Plus Care grants have received Housing Commission approval annually since the program’s inception in 1992.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS:

Meetings were held with residents who will benefit from the self-sufficiency grants to get their input related to needs. In addition, the Program Coordinating Committee of the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, made up of service providers and community leaders, serves as an advisory group in identifying current service needs and community resources to assist families in reaching economic independence.

Shelter Plus Care grants are part of the City’s Continuum of Care collaborative effort to address homelessness. Projects were rated and ranked through the 2006 Regional Continuum of Care Council.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Under applicable federal regulations, the response to the Super NOFA does not require compliance with NEPA at this time. Further at the time the funds are committed, if and when they are received, in appropriate circumstances, Determinations of Exemption and or Exclusion will be sought prior to commitment of the funds in accordance with applicable federal regulations. The application for a federal grant is “not a project” under the provision of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”).

KEY STAKEHOLDERS & PROJECTED IMPACTS:

The beneficiaries of the requested action are low income families and homeless individuals who receive the services funded by the grants. Self-sufficiency funding is used to break cycles of family poverty by helping individuals gain education and training to move them into careers with upward mobility, and to provide opportunities for homeownership and other asset building strategies.

Shelter Plus Care funds enable disabled people to become housed and to receive services on a permanent basis, thus ending the cycle of homelessness.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by,

**Signature on File
With Original Document**

Steve Snyder
Director of Facilities

Elizabeth C. Morris
President & Chief Executive Officer

- Attachment 1: Summary of Expenditures – Resident Services
- Attachment 2: Summary of Expenditures – Special Purpose Housing

Attachment 1

Summary of Expenditures
Resident Services – OUSA 320
Summary Total of FY06 SuperNOFA Grants for Resident Services

	Current FY07 Budget	Proposed Budget Revision (Grant Awards)	Revised FY07 Budget
Salaries & Benefits	1,261,061	255,000	1,516,061
Services & Supplies			
Legal	2,000		2,000
Training	8,150	4,000	12,150
Travel	7,750	3,500	11,250
Contract / Consultant	17,500		17,500
Office Rent	115,304		115,304
Sundry	54,810	8,500	63,310
Insurance			
Total Services & Supplies	208,470	16,000	224,470
Housing Programs			
Resident Services Expenses	498,758	386,500	885,258
Protective Contract	5,200	2,000	7,200
Maintenance Expenses	31,500	2,500	34,000
Total Housing Programs	535,458	391,000	926,458
Equipment	1,500		1,500
Indirect		18,000	18,000
Total Resident Services Budget	2,006,489	680,000	2,686,489

Anticipated total SuperNOFA grant funding amount is \$1,070,000. A portion of these funds (\$390,000) are reflected in the FY07 Resident Services budgets previously approved by the Housing Commission Board.

Attachment 2

Summary of Expenditure
Housing Finance & Development - Special Purpose Housing – OUSA 326
FY06 Continuum of Care Program Shelter Plus Care – Renewal Grants

	Current FY07 Budget	Proposed Budget Revision (Grant Award)	Revised FY07 Budget
Salaries & Benefits	193,010	71,075	264,085
Services & Supplies			
Legal	7,800		7,800
Training	500		500
Travel	3,760		3,760
Contract / Consultant	108,000		108,000
Office Rent	14,951		14,951
Data Processing	1,000		1,000
Sundry	6,028		6,028
Insurance	0		0
Total Services & Supplies	142,039		142,039
Housing Programs			
Rent to Owners	753,866		753,866
Loans and Grants	2,537,894	1,847,941	4,385,835
Total Housing Programs	3,291,760	1,847,941	5,139,701
Equipment	300		300
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Total Special Purpose Housing Budget:	3,627,109	1,919,016	5,546,125

Anticipated total SuperNOFA grant funding amount is \$1,919,016, if the grant applications are approved by HUD.