



# REPORT

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**ITEM 104**

**REPORT NO.:** HCR03-042  
For the Agenda of June 27, 2003

**SUBJECT:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Super Notice of Funding Availability (SuperNOFA) Applications (Citywide)

## SUMMARY

**Issue:** Should the Housing Commission ratify submission of grant applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the 2003 SuperNOFA?

**Recommendation:** Ratify submission of grant applications under the 2003 SuperNOFA for the Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Resident Services Delivery Model – Family, ROSS Neighborhood Networks, Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program Coordinators programs, and Shelter Plus Care Renewal Applications, and seek Housing Authority approval to amend the FY04 Housing Commission Budget to reflect addition of awarded funds and to execute all required documents.

**Fiscal Impact:** Successful applications will result in the receipt of approximately \$350,000 from the ROSS Resident Services Delivery Model – Family, \$100,000 from the ROSS Neighborhood Networks, and \$312,500 from the Housing Choice Voucher FSS Program Coordinators programs. Shelter Plus Care Renewal funds will provide \$647,160 for supportive housing for four non-profit Housing Commission partners.

**Previous Related Actions:** The Housing Commission applied for and received awards for grants under these programs in 2002.



**Future Related Actions:** This action will be calendared for Housing Authority approval on July 22, 2003.

## **BACKGROUND**

The SuperNOFA is the process that HUD uses to notify potential applicants of available funding through its competitive grants programs. The SuperNOFA for Federal Fiscal Year 2003 was published April 21, 2003. At this time, staff is seeking ratification of submission of three grant applications and approval of a fourth.

## **DISCUSSION**

Housing Commission staff is requesting ratification of submission of three grant applications. The exceptionally short response time for this year's submissions did not allow time to seek authorization prior to applying. Application preparation involves selecting and working with potential partners in the development of the application. Ensuring that collaborative partnerships are in place in time to meet the grant due date is a challenging process.

Staff has prepared applications for the following programs, each of which is a continuation or renewal of a previous Housing Commission program.

- (1) Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Program – Resident Services Delivery Model - Family:** The purpose of the ROSS program is to link residents of public housing to supportive services and empowerment activities that will promote self-sufficiency. The Housing Commission, in collaboration with community partners, will provide direct and linked services to public housing residents that will result in economic self-sufficiency. The proposed program will target residents of three public housing developments – Market Street, Santa Margarita and Juniper Street. Existing Learning Opportunity Centers will be used and enhanced to provide on-site and on-line linkages to a comprehensive package of education, training, support services, and employer linked services. Funding requested is \$350,000 over 36 months. The application deadline was June 19, 2003.
- (2) Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Program – Neighborhood Networks:** The purpose of the Neighborhood Networks Program is to operate Neighborhood Network Centers that will increase the use of computer technology, reduce welfare dependency, promote economic self-sufficiency, provide opportunities for job training and development, expand educational opportunities, develop access to health and nutrition

information and empower public housing residents. The proposed program will provide for certificate courses in Word Processing, Spreadsheets, and E-mail and Internet for adults, as well as Word Processing, Power Point, and Web Page Design for youth. These courses will be provided by an accredited vocational trainer at the targeted LOCs.

In addition, the ROSS Neighborhood Networks grant will provide for the implementation of Life Skills Workshops for youth, including topics such as conflict resolution, job retention, interview techniques, resume writing, job attire, etc. The proposed program will also provide for the upgrading of computer hardware, software, and will help cover the cost of highspeed Internet connectivity. Funding requested is \$100,000 over 36 months. The application deadline was May 27, 2003.

**(3) Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency – (FSS) Program**

**Coordinators Program:** This program promotes economic independence and self-sufficiency by providing funds to aid residents of assisted housing in gaining access to both public and private resources. This application requests renewal funding for our current FSS Program Coordinators Grant and provides support for current staff positions serving Section 8 participants within the FSS Program. Staff is also requesting funding that will help offset costs for current homeownership activities related to FSS performed by existing staff positions. Funding requested is \$312,500 for one year. The application deadline was May 30, 2003.

**(4) Continuum of Care Program Shelter Plus Care Renewal Applications:**

Shelter Plus Care grants provide funding for rental assistance for homeless clients with special needs. The Housing Commission contracts with non-profit partners who are required to provide matching services that address the needs of the clients served. These Shelter Plus Care programs are included within the Continuum of Care plan for the City of San Diego. This year, authorization is sought for annual renewal applications of Shelter Plus Care programs operated by the following non-profit partners: Stepping Stone of San Diego (\$156,144), Pathfinders of San Diego (\$141,804), Center for Social Support and Education (\$215,268) and The Association of Community Housing Solutions (\$133,944.) Together, these applications total \$647,160 and will provide supportive housing for a minimum of 80 individuals. It is anticipated the actual grant awards will be slightly higher because HUD will base their awards on the Fair Market Rents (FMRs) in place at the time of grant award. The application deadline is July 15, 2003.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

Do not seek funding under these programs. This is not recommended as it would result in the reduction or loss of valuable resources that support self-sufficiency and homeless programs.

## **CONCLUSION**

The funding applications described in this report implement primary goals of the Housing Commission which are to pursue funding programs for the homeless and support resident initiatives which expand opportunities for self-sufficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by,

**Signature on File with Original Document**

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### **Attachments:**

- 1: Proposed Budget for ROSS Resident Services Delivery Model Grant
- 2: Proposed Budget for ROSS Neighborhood Networks Grant
3. Proposed Budget for Housing Choice Voucher Program Coordinator Grant