

REPORT

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ATTENTION: Chair and Members of the Housing Authority
For the Agenda of October 23, 2007

SUBJECT: U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's
2007 Super Notice of Funding Availability (SuperNOFA)
Continuum of Care Applications for Shelter Plus Care Program (Districts 3 & 8)

REQUESTED ACTION:

Ratify two (2) grant applications submitted under the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) 2007 SuperNOFA and revise the FY08 Housing Commission Budget. Authorize the Housing Commission Board to approve submission of Shelter Plus Care grant applications, amend the Housing Commission budget to include the funds, and authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute all required documents.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Ratify two (2) applications submitted to HUD. The grants will fund two Shelter Plus Care Programs under the City's Continuum of Care. The applications include \$769,500 for one (1) new Shelter Plus Care grant and \$357,480 for one Shelter Plus Care renewal grant.
2. Revise the FY08 Housing Commission Budget to reflect the addition of awarded funds and authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute all required documents to receive the funds and contract with non-profit housing providers.
3. Authorize the Housing Commission Board to approve future submission of grant applications for Shelter Plus Care Programs, amend the Housing Commission budget as needed to include the funds received should these applications be approved, and execute all required documents.

BACKGROUND:

Continuum of 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) The Cove project (formerly known as Hope Village) was ranked as the eligible proposal for this new funding round. TACHS proposes to provide a minimum of fifteen (15) units of permanent supportive housing at 5288 El Cajon Blvd and to match the grant with 100% in-kind services to assist a minimum of fifteen (15) single men and women with disabilities. This funding request is seven hundred sixty nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$769,500) for five (5) years of rental assistance. The application was submitted to HUD on June 14, 2007. Housing Authority ratification of this application is sought.

Continuum of Care Renewal Grant: One (1) of the Housing Commission's current Shelter Plus Care grants is due for renewal under this year's Continuum of Care application process. While this grant was initially multi-year funded, HUD is making only one (1) year renewals available at this time, and has set aside funds to prioritize such renewals under the annual Continuum of Care NOFA. Application for

renewal was prepared for this grant, supporting St. Vincent de Paul's Village Place Apartments, 32 17th Street, which will continue to fund rental subsidies for 30 units serving 30 homeless disabled individuals with stable housing and services. This program has been operating since 1997.

The Shelter Plus Care funding is for one (1) year of rental assistance in the amount of \$357,480. The grant application was submitted to HUD on June 14, 2007. Housing Authority ratification of this application is sought.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

These Shelter Plus Care grants will provide rental assistance to two permanent supportive housing programs.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION:

Shelter Plus Care grants have received Housing Authority approval regularly since the program's inception in 1992. The Housing Commission approved this action on June 15, 2007.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS:

Shelter Plus Care grants are part of the City's Continuum of Care collaborative effort to address homelessness. New and renewal projects were rated and ranked impartially through the 2007 Regional Continuum of Care Council process. The new project (The Cove Apartments) was approved by the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Under applicable federal regulations, the response to the SuperNOFA does not require compliance with National Environmental Policy Act ("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 federal grant is "not a project" under the provision of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA").

KEY STAKEHOLDERS & PROJECTED IMPACTS:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by,

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