



HOUSING AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET

DATE REPORT ISSUED: June 21, 2006 REPORT NO: HAR06-012

ATTENTION: Members of the Housing Authority
For the Agenda of July 18, 2006

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Housing Commission

SUBJECT: United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's
Super Notice of Funding Availability Applications

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): Citywide

STAFF CONTACT: Ralene Friend (619-578-7451)

REQUESTED ACTION:

Ratification of grant applications to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and authorization to revise FY07 Housing Commission budget to receive funds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Ratify grant applications to HUD as follows:
 - a) \$390,000 for six (6) Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinators;
 - b) \$130,000 for two (2) 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. Authorize revision of the FY07 Housing Commission Budget to reflect the addition of awarded funds, and authorize the Chief Executive officer (CEO) to execute all required documents.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinator grant and the Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinator grant are limited to salaries and benefits for service coordinators. Funds will be used for existing staff, with no new staff to be hired. Coordinators help low income families gain access to resources, including training, education and supportive services, to assist them in reaching economic self-sufficiency.

The Public Housing Neighborhood Networks Program and the ROSS Family and Homeownership grants provide access to technology and educational programming in Learning Opportunity Centers at Housing Commission owned family public housing developments as well as asset building opportunities for families through matched funds for Individual Development Accounts.

The Shelter Plus Care grants provide funding for permanent supportive housing and services to disabled homeless individuals, under the City's Continuum of Care.



FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Funds provided through the self-sufficiency grants will be used to support and enhance existing services and staff. No new staff will be hired. 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 received Housing Authority approval since 1999. Shelter Plus Care grants have received Housing Authority approval since the program’s inception in 1992.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS:

Meetings were held with residents of public housing to gain input regarding their needs.

Program Coordinating Committee (advisory group) served as a resource of identifying which needs to address and resources to meet those needs.

Shelter Plus Care projects were rated and ranked through the 2006 Regional Continuum of Care Council.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS & PROJECTED IMPACTS:

Beneficiaries of these funds are: 1) Low income families receiving housing assistance through the Public Housing program and the Section 8 program; and, 2) disabled homeless individuals.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by,

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