

REPORT

DATE ISSUED: June 8, 2007 REPORT NO: HCR 07-42

ATTENTION: Chair and Members of the Housing Commission
For the Agenda of June 15, 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

REQUESTED ACTION:

The ratification of seven (7) grant applications submitted under the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) 2007 SuperNOFA, and revision of the FY08 Housing Commission Budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Ratify seven (7) applications to HUD which will fund the Shelter Plus Care Program under the City's Continuum of Care. The applications include \$769,500 for one (1) new Shelter Plus Care grant and \$1,204,908 for six (6) Shelter Plus Care renewal grants.
2. Request approval to forward to Housing Authority for authorization to revise the FY08 Housing Commission Budget to reflect the addition of awarded funds which require Housing Authority authorization and authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to 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; see Item 105) was ranked as the eligible proposal for this new funding round. TACHS is proposing 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 10, 2007. Housing Commission ratification of this application is sought.

Continuum of 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 such renewals under the annual Continuum of Care NOFA. Applications for renewals were prepared for the grants which will support the following providers and will fund rental subsidies for 113 units serving 132 individuals/families with Shelter Plus Care housing and services:

Stepping Stone of San Diego:	\$177,600
Pathfinders of San Diego:	\$161,028
Pathfinders of San Diego:	\$115,680
Center for Social Support & Education:	\$241,464
The Association for Community Housing Solutions:	\$151,656

St. Vincent de Paul:	\$357,480
Total:	\$1,204,908

The Shelter Plus Care funding is for one (1) year of rental assistance. The grant application was submitted to HUD on June 10, 2007. Housing Commission ratification of this application is sought.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Shelter Plus Care grants will make it possible to continue rental assistance to permanent supportive housing programs.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION:

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

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 through the 2007 Regional Continuum of Care Council. The new project 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 disabled people to be housed and to receive services on a permanent basis, thus ending the cycle of homelessness.

Respectfully submitted,


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Approved by,


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