

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	22-432	Meeting:	September 12, 2022
	Agenda Item:	48	Roll Call:	22-1428
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the 2022 Continuum of Care (CoC) Grant Program competitive application, including noncompetitive award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program renewal and replacement grants, to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

SYNOPSIS:

This action is for City Council to approve an application to HUD for the 2022 CoC Program, which provides funding for efforts by community partners to quickly re-house homeless persons, minimize trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness, to promote access to programs, and optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness. The application and subrecipient ranking are as recommended by Homeward, formerly Polk County Continuum of Care, Board and its Grant Review Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$4,549,015

Funding Source: Program Year 2022 HUD CoC Competitive Grant Program

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Every year, HUD releases a notification of funding for the CoC Program. This year, the notice was issued on August 1, 2022. The application is due September 30, 2022.
- Homeward, formerly known as the Polk County CoC, in partnership with the City, facilitates a local competitive grant review process where service providers working with homeless or persons at risk of homelessness submit proposals for funding renewal or new programs. Most proposals are funding renewal requests of existing programs.
- As part of the competitive application process, CoC Programs have been asked to prioritize projects as the most effective programs, serving the most vulnerable population, utilizing a coordinated intake system, and practice housing first and cost-effectiveness.

- When prioritizing and ranking projects, there are two (2) tiers. Some providers may be at risk of losing funding if categorized into Tier 2. New projects are automatically categorized in Tier 2 below the renewal applications.
- The 2022 HUD CoC Program allows the City and Homeward to channel \$3,630,188 in federal funds to support eight (8) regular CoC projects. In addition, \$918,827 is available for six (6) CoC projects to address youth homelessness. Additional funds are also being requested for planning and administration for Homeward staff.
- The Homeward Board of Directors met on October 18, 2021, to approve a motion to adopt the 2021 application as recommended by the Homeward Grant Committee and forward it to the City Council for approval.
- A summary of all the regular CoC projects are as follows:

Applicant	Project Name	Max. Award Amount	Ranking By Percentage
<u>Tier 1</u>			
Institute for Community Alliances	Homelessness Information Management System (HMIS)	\$ 108,419	100.0%
Primary Health Care	Centralized Intake	\$ 147,882	96.1%
Anawim	Consolidated	\$ 1,346,286	91.5%
Anawim	HOP Consolidated	\$ 1,074,162	90.9%
Children and Families of Iowa	Rapid Re-housing	\$ 109,116	86.8%
Primary Health Care	Rapid Re-housing Consolidated	\$ 377,184	86.1%
Iowa Homeless Youth Center	Rapid Re-housing	\$ 165,786	82.4%
<u>Tier 2</u>			
Iowa Homeless Youth Center	Transitional Housing/Rapid Re-housing	\$ 301,353	81.2%
Anawim	(New) Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	\$ 219,671	86.3%

- Projects under the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project, also available for full funding, are as follows:

Applicant	Grant Name/Description	Max. Award Amount	Ranking By Percentage
Institute for Community Alliances	YHDP HMIS	\$ 37,470	100.0%
Primary Health Care	YHDP Supportive Services	\$ 81,222	95.7%
Anawim	YHDP Permanent Supportive Housing	\$ 192,569	93.6%
Iowa Homeless Youth Center	YHDP Rapid Re-housing	\$ 268,704	82.6%
Iowa Homeless Youth Center	YHDP Supportive Services	\$ 152,089	82.6%
Children and Families of Iowa	YHDP Transitional Housing/Rapid Re-housing	\$ 186,773	80.6%

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Homeward Board

Date: September 12, 2022

Resolution Number: None

Action: Approval of the 2022 CoC Grant Program Competitive Application and Ranking, as recommended by the Homeward Grant Committee.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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