



Administrative Services Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 09/12/2023

HCD_ FY2023 Continuum of Care Application Submission Approval Request

Department: HCD

Presenter: Hawthorne Welcher, Jr. and/or HCD Staff

Caption: Motion to **approve** the submission of the FY2023 CoC Application to HUD and grant the Mayor the authority to execute all forms associated with the application, to include but not limited to: Submission of the Consolidated Community Application, Priority Listing and Exhibit 2 Project Applications, Certifications of Consistency (HUD 2991), Conditional Award Technical Submissions, New and Renewal Grant Agreements and Annual Progress Reports (APR). (**Approved by Administrative Services Committee September 12, 2023**)

Background: Each year, the City of Augusta's Housing & Community Development (HCD) Department applies to HUD through an annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Continuum of Care Programs. This application is not an Entitlement Grant but a competitive application process. These funds are used to support the Homeless Information Management System (HMIS), for administrative services, supplies and to provide technical support to the City of Augusta's collaborating homeless service agencies. This grant renews each year for the same time and amount, October 1 to September 30 (HMIS Program - \$172,407). Additionally, HCD will be renewing a Rapid Rehousing project that was first awarded in the FY2022 NOFO competition (RRH Program - \$153,172) and the CoC Planning Project (\$90,380). There are two (2) additional renewal projects and two (2) New Project Applications from Partner Agencies as a part of the Augusta, Georgia Continuum of Care for local non-profit agencies. These new and renewal partner agency applications and agreements are administered directly between HUD and the respective non-profit agencies and only require execution by the Mayor of a Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (HUD-2991) to meet submission requirements set forth by HUD. The authority to sign these Certifications of Consistency with Augusta's HUD-approved Consolidated Plan is requested and approved by Commission as part of each year's Annual Action Plan submission approval.

Analysis:	Approval will allow the City of Augusta, in partnership with local non-profit community Partner Agencies, to continue providing these comprehensive services to the homeless population of Augusta-Richmond County.
Financial Impact:	<p>These are additional grant funds awarded by HUD through a competitive application process to the City of Augusta, through HCD, for continued operation of the following programs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Homeless Information Management System (HMIS) and related services (\$172,407) 2. Augusta's CoC Rapid Rehousing project (\$153,172) 3. Augusta CoC Planning Project (\$90,380) <p>There are two (2) additional projects funded through this application for renewal by the following Homeless Task Force Partner Agencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CSRA EOA- Supportive Services Only for Coordinated Entry (\$167,815) 2. Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, in partnership with CSRA EOA, for Permanent Supportive Housing Program (\$120,588) <p>New Project Applications have been submitted from the following Homeless Task Force Partner Agencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Family Counseling Center of the CSRA for Rapid Rehousing (\$126,500) 2. SAFEHOMES of Augusta for Domestic Violence focused Rapid Rehousing services (\$142,496)
Alternatives:	Deny HCD's request to submit this application and decline funding for the local Homeless Information Management System (HMIS), Rapid Rehousing and CoC Planning project and four (4) additional Partner Agency projects.
Recommendation:	Motion to Approve the submission of the FY2023 CoC Application to HUD, and grant the Mayor the authority to execute all forms associated with the application, to include but not limited to: Submission of the Consolidated Community Application, Priority Listing and Exhibit 2 Project Applications, Certifications of Consistency (HUD 2991), Conditional Award Technical Submissions, New and Renewal Grant Agreements and Annual Progress Reports (APR).
Funds are available in the following accounts:	Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Funds: Continuum of Care (CoC).

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APPROVED BY:

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