



Administrative Services Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 11/26/2024

HCD_FY2024 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 FY2024 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).

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 - \$184,475). Additionally, HCD will be renewing COC project that was first awarded in the FY2021 NOFO competition (CoC Program - \$135,480) and the CoC Planning Project (\$106,248). There are two (2) additional renewal projects and one (1) 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 Augusta, GA 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:

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:

- 1. Homeless Information Management System (HMIS) intake and assessment (\$184,475)
- 2. Augusta CoC Planning Project (\$106,248)

There are one (1) additional projects funded through this application for renewal by the following Homeless Task Force Partner Agencies:

- 1. Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, in partnership with CSRA EOA, for Permanent Supportive Housing Program (\$135,480)

Total Funding: \$426,203

Total Cash Match: \$76,563

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:

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Funds are available in the following accounts:

Not Applicable

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

- Procurement
- Finance
- Law
- Administrator
- Clerk of Commission