Housing and Community Affairs Committee

Committee Members

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AGENDA
Tuesday, October 18, 2016 10:00 AM
City Hall Council Chambers

Call to Order/Welcome Remarks – Council Member Mike Laster, Chair

I. **Public Services**

For review and possible authorization:

a) **Homeless Housing and Services Program Funds** - (All Districts) - An Ordinance authorizing a Contract between the City of Houston and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, accepting $1,272,861 in State Homeless Housing and Services Program funds serving the City’s homeless and at-risk populations

Presentation:
- Tom McCasland, Interim Director, Housing and Community Development Department
- Melody Barr, Deputy Assistant Director

II. **Disaster Recovery Round 2 Update**

For review and possible authorization:

a) **A Report on Program Status and Results** - (Districts B, D, H)

Presentation:
- Tom McCasland, Interim Director, Housing and Community Development Department

III. **Federal Entitlement Grant Update**

For review and possible authorization:

a) **A Report on FY2016 Spending for CDBG, HOME, HOPWA and ESG** - (All Districts)

Presentation:
- Tom McCasland, Interim Director, Housing and Community Development Department
IV. Public Comments
   Action may be taken on any or all of the above items.
   Committee meetings are open to the public.
   For information about this committee, contact Jeremy Harris, 832.393.3369.

V. Director's Comments
   Tom McCasland, Interim Director, Housing and Community Development Department
TO: Mayor via City Secretary  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION  
17-HHSP-TDHCA

SUBJECT: An Ordinance authorizing a Contract between the City of Houston and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, accepting $1,272,861 in State Homeless Housing and Services Program funds serving the City’s homeless and at-risk populations

FROM: Tom McCasland, Interim Director  
Housing and Community Development Department

DIRECTOR’S SIGNATURE: 
Origination Date: 10/03/16
Agenda Date:

For additional information contact: Roxanne Lawson  
Phone: 832-394-6307
Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of an Ordinance authorizing a Contract between the City of Houston and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, accepting $1,272,861 in State Homeless Housing and Services Program funds serving the City’s homeless and at-risk populations

Amount of Funding: Not Applicable
Finance Budget:

SOURCE OF FUNDING  [ ] General Fund  [X] Grant Fund  [ ] Enterprise Fund  [ ] Other  
State Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) Fund 5010

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) recommends Council approve a Contract between the City of Houston and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) accepting a $1,272,861 Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) grant.

Per the TDHCA, the funding must be used by the City on activities eliminating and/or preventing homelessness. Specifically, allowable activities include construction, development, or procurement of housing for homeless persons; rehabilitation of structures targeted to serving homeless persons or persons at-risk of homelessness; provision of direct services and case management to homeless persons or persons at-risk of homelessness; or other homelessness-related activity as approved by the TDHCA.

HHSP was established by the 81st Texas Legislature through an appropriations rider and codified during the 82nd Texas legislative session. Through HHSP, the state provides funding to the eight largest cities in support of services to homeless individuals and families including services such as case management and housing placement and retention. Cities served through HHSP include Arlington, Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio. For State Fiscal Year 2017, the State has approximately $5 million in HHSP funds available.

This item is a procedural, administrative matter required by the State for the City to receive the funds it was previously awarded. An Ordinance allocating the accepted HHSP funds for use by local nonprofit organizations will be presented to Council for consideration within the coming weeks/months.

The Housing and Community Affairs Committee reviewed this item on October 18, 2016.

TM:MB

cc: City Secretary  
Legal Department  
Finance Department  
Mayor’s Office

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