



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
March 19, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager
Submitted by: Jane Micallef, Director of Health, Housing and Community Services
Subject: Revenue Contract: County of Alameda for Shelter Plus Care Program

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute any resultant agreements or amendments with the County of Alameda for Shelter Plus Care in an amount not to exceed \$241,057 to provide tenant-based rental assistance for people living with HIV/AIDS for the 12-month period of March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

This grant supports an existing program that provides Shelter Plus Care rental subsidies and supportive services to people who are homeless in Berkeley and disabled due to HIV/AIDS. The County of Alameda is the grantee with the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, and subcontracts with the City of Berkeley to serve 15 households. The contract is for a one-year period and must be renewed on an annual basis.

The subcontract with the County of Alameda provides funding for rental subsidies to serve 15 households. The contract amount is expected to be not more than \$241,057 with approximately \$224,013 of the contract amount available to provide direct rental assistance and up to \$17,044, or approximately 7%, available to support Health, Housing and Community Services Department grant-related administrative activities (budget code 806-7906-463-various; funds to be deposited in revenue accounts 806-7906-331-6064 and 806-7906-331-1023). CMS No. JY5VY.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

This contract provides for the continuation of tenant-based rental assistance for 15 people who are disabled due to HIV/AIDS and who were formerly homeless in Berkeley. Each of the participants in the program receives dedicated case management and other support services provided through a partnership with community-based agencies.

BACKGROUND

Based on a national competition last year, the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development will soon award approximately \$241,057 in grant renewal funds to the Alameda County Shelter Plus Care Program for tenant-based rental assistance to

support people who are homeless and disabled. Alameda County subcontracts with the City of Berkeley Shelter Plus Care Program to provide tenant-based rental assistance and ongoing services to 15 households who are disabled due to HIV/AIDS. The federal rent subsidies are matched by locally-provided services to transition formerly homeless, disabled individuals and families into permanent, supportive housing units. These services are provided partially under contracts the partner agencies have with the City of Berkeley and partially through funds the agencies raise from other sources. Matching services, including dedicated case management services, are provided by the following agencies: East Bay AIDS Center; Berkeley Food and Housing Project; and LifeLong Medical Care. The units are rented from private property owners in Berkeley, Oakland and Emeryville.

This grant is one of six Shelter Plus Care grants received by the City of Berkeley. The Health, Housing and Community Services Department administers the grants and provides operational and programmatic oversight, including inspection of each rental unit to ensure that it meets federal housing quality standards.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

This contract allows the City of Berkeley to continue to provide permanent supportive housing for 15 individuals and families who were formerly homeless in Berkeley, and the head of household is disabled due to HIV/AIDS.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

REVENUE CONTRACT: COUNTY OF ALAMEDA FOR SHELTER PLUS CARE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the County of Alameda has awarded the City of Berkeley Health, Housing and Community Services Department a contract in an amount not to exceed \$241,057 through one of the County's Shelter Plus Care grants with the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide tenant-based rental assistance to people who are homeless and living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is for the period of March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014, with approximately \$224,013 of the contract amount available to provide direct rental assistance and up to \$17,044, or approximately 7%, available to support Health, Housing and Community Services Department grant-related administrative activities (budget code 806-7906-463-various; funds to be deposited in revenue accounts 806-7906-331-6064 and 806-7906-331-1023), CMS No. JY5VY; and

WHEREAS, this contract is an annual renewal of an existing program that provides rental subsidies and ongoing services to 15 homeless and disabled individuals and families in Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, the Shelter Plus Care rent subsidies are matched by services provided by collaborating community-based agencies that assist homeless and disabled individuals and families to transition into and retain stable housing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to execute and amend as necessary the contract with the County of Alameda for the Shelter Plus Care Program in an amount not to exceed \$241,057 for the provision of tenant-based rental assistance for the period of March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014.

