



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
May 21, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager  
Submitted by: Jane Micallef, Director, Health, Housing & Community Services Department  
Subject: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Shelter Plus Care Program Renewal Grants

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to receive funds and execute any agreements and amendments resulting from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development renewal of the following four Shelter Plus Care grants:

1. \$1,979,793 for tenant-based rental assistance for the period May 24, 2013 through May 23, 2014;
2. \$125,074 for sponsor-based rental assistance for the Supportive Housing Network for the period of May 28, 2013 through May 27, 2014, with Resources for Community Development as the project sponsor;
3. \$121,761 for sponsor-based rental assistance for the Pathways Project for the period June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014, with Bonita House, Inc. as the project sponsor; and
4. \$451,681 in tenant-based rental assistance for the COACH Project grant for the period of December 14, 2013 through December 13, 2014.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Each of the Shelter Plus Care grants provides funds for rental subsidies from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The grants support existing programs that serve homeless and disabled individuals and families in Berkeley, and these grants must be renewed with HUD on an annual basis. The amount for the renewal grants in FY 2013 is approximately the same as the current award amounts, with a slight increase overall of \$5,141.

HUD allows 8% of each Shelter Plus Care grant to be used to administer the rental subsidies. Thus, of the combined total of \$2,678,309 for the four grants, \$2,464,044 is available to provide direct rental assistance and \$214,265 is available to support the Housing and Community Service Department's grant-related administrative activities (budget codes 805-7906-463-various; funds to be deposited in revenue accounts 805-7906-331-1023 and 6064). [CMS No. LQZAA]

### CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Based on a national competition, the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded the City of Berkeley \$2,678,309 in funding to renew four Shelter Plus Care grants that provide rental assistance to a total of 185 households. The City's Shelter Plus Care Program provides federal rent subsidies that are matched by locally provided services to transition formerly homeless, disabled individuals and families into permanent, supportive housing units. Through two of the grants, 162 households are assisted utilizing tenant-based rental subsidies to rent from private property owners in Berkeley, Oakland, and Emeryville. The third grant provides 12 sponsor-based rental subsidies that are dedicated for units owned and operated by Resources for Community Development to serve homeless individuals in Berkeley who are diagnosed with a serious mental illness and/or a history of drug and alcohol dependence. The fourth grant provides 11 sponsor-based rental subsidies that are dedicated to units owned and operated by Bonita House, Inc. to serve homeless individuals in Berkeley who are dually diagnosed with a serious mental illness and a history of drug and alcohol dependence.

Each of the participants in the program receives case management and other supportive services provided by one or more of the following agencies: Berkeley Food and Housing Project; Berkeley Drop-In Center; City of Berkeley Mental Health Division; City of Berkeley Aging Services Division; Bonita House, Inc.; Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency; East Bay AIDS Center; Lifelong Medical Care; Rubicon Programs; the Women's Daytime Drop-In Center; and YEAH (Youth Engagement Advocacy and Housing).

### BACKGROUND

Since 1995, the City of Berkeley Shelter Plus Care Program has been an important component of the continuum of housing available to disabled homeless people. The Shelter Plus Care Program is funded by HUD to provide housing subsidies for people who are homeless with a disability related to a serious mental illness, substance abuse, or HIV/AIDS. The program combines a rental subsidy with ongoing supportive services to assist chronically homeless individuals and families to obtain and maintain housing.

The Berkeley Shelter Plus Care Program is a partnership between the Health, Housing & Community Service Department and nine community agencies. The Health, Housing & Community Service Department provides operational and programmatic oversight, inspects rental units to ensure that each unit meets federal housing quality standards, and makes monthly rental subsidy payments to property owners. The community agencies along with the Department's Divisions on Aging Services and Mental Health provide ongoing case management and support to participants in the program. Currently, the City of Berkeley administers six Shelter Plus Care grants, providing more than 220 units of supportive housing for homeless and disabled people.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley Shelter Plus Care Program successfully provides stable housing and ongoing services to some of the most indigent and underserved of the City's residents. Authorizing the acceptance of these four Shelter Plus Care renewal grants will assure that 185 homeless and disabled individuals and families in Berkeley continue to benefit from receiving ongoing rental assistance and the supportive services necessary to retain stable housing.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR SHELTER PLUS CARE PROGRAM RENEWAL GRANTS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded the City of Berkeley Health, Housing & Community Services Department the following four Shelter Plus Care grants: 1) \$1,979,793 for tenant-based rental assistance for the period May 24, 2013 through May 23, 2014; 2) \$125,074 for sponsor-based rental assistance for the Supportive Housing Network for the period of May 28, 2013 through May 27, 2014, with Resources for Community Development as the project sponsor; 3) \$121,761 for sponsor-based rental assistance for the Pathways Project for the period June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014, with Bonita House, Inc. as the project sponsor; and 4) \$451,681 in tenant-based rental assistance for the COACH Project grant for the period of December 14, 2013 through December 13, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the combined total for the four grants is \$2,678,309 for the four grants, and of this amount \$2,464,044 is available to provide direct rental assistance and \$214,265 is available to support the Health, Housing and Community Service Department's grant-related administrative activities (budget codes 805-7906-463-various; funds to be deposited in revenue accounts 805-7906-331-1023 and 6064) CMS No. LQZAA; and

WHEREAS, each of the four Shelter Plus Care grants is an annual renewal of an existing program that provides rental subsidies and ongoing support services to a combined total of 185 homeless and disabled individuals and families in Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, the federal rent subsidies provided through the City's Shelter Plus Care Program are matched by services provided by the City's Mental Health Division and Aging Services Division and nine community-based agencies that assist formerly homeless, disabled individuals and families to retain stable housing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is hereby authorized to receive funds and execute any agreements and amendments resulting from the four renewal grants awarded from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the City's Shelter Plus Care Program. A record copy of said contracts and any amendments are on file in the Office of the City Clerk.