SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.19 (ID # 23272)

MEETING DATE:

FROM: HOUSING AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS:

Tuesday, November 07, 2023

Kimberly A. Rector

SUBJECT: HOUSING AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS (HWS): Adopt Resolution No. 2023-277, Ratifying and Approving an Application for the 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant Program, Continuum of Care (CoC) Allocation, and Authorizing the Director of HWS to Execute the Standard Agreement and any Amendments thereto, Funding Requests, and relevant documents with the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development, and to Accept funds and Administer the 2023 ESG Program CoC Grant as the Administrative Entity for the Riverside City & County CoC; All Districts. [Potential Funding up to \$598,998 - 100% State]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-277, Ratifying and Authorizing the Director of Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS), or designee, to:
 - a. Apply for the 2023 Federal Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program, Continuum of Care (CoC) Allocation grant for FY 2023/2024;
 - b. Accept the 2023 ESG Program CoC grant in an amount not to exceed \$598,998;
 - c. Execute all Applications, the Standard Agreement, Funding Requests, and any subsequent amendments thereto, with the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development for the 2023 ESG Program CoC grant, as well as any other documents related to the 2023 ESG Program for the CoC allocation or the 2023 ESG CoC grant award, as approved as to form by County Counsel and consistent with the Board's approval; and
 - d. Administer the 2023 ESG Program CoC grant, in collaboration with and as the Administrative Entity for the Riverside City and County CoC.

ACTION:Policy

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes:

Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington and Perez

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Nays:

None

Absent: Date: Gutierrez

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November 7, 2023

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Т	otal Cost:	Ongoing Cost	
COST	\$598,998	\$0		\$598,998		\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$ 0		\$0	\$0	
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% State – Emergency Solutions Grant				Budget Adjustment: No		
				For Fiscal Ye	ear: 2	3/24

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

On July 28, 2023, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced the availability of approximately \$6 million in new federal funds, as well as additional disencumbered funds that may become available later this year for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. Funding for this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is made available pursuant to Subtitle B of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

HCD administers the ESG program with funding received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Grant funds are allocated to eligible Continuum of Care (CoC) service areas. ESG funding may be used to: (1) engage individuals and families experiencing homelessness; (2) rapidly re-house individuals and families experiencing homelessness; (3) help operate and provide essential services in emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; and (4) prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless.

The Department of Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS) serves as the Administrative Entity and Collaborative Applicant for the Riverside City & County Continuum of Care (CoC), and in this role, prepares grant applications and administers homeless assistance programs like ESG. Per HCD's ESG CoC NOFA requirements, HWS requests that the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution No. 2023-277, which includes approval for an award amount twice the 2023 ESG CoC estimated allocation to the Riverside City & County CoC. Award amounts are frequently recalculated and are subject to change, and this will allow HWS to accept a higher amount of funds in case the Riverside City & County CoC is eligible to receive an increased allocation.

As part of the application process, HWS is required to complete a fair and open competition, submit the award package, and obtain a resolution authorizing the Director of HWS to execute all documents related to the application for ESG funds and submittal of fund requests, including the Standard Agreement with HCD. When HWS receives the fully executed Standard Agreement with HCD, it will enter into contracts with eligible service providers, as approved by the Board of Supervisors. These subrecipient agreements will come before the County Board of Supervisors for approval.

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Impact on Residents and Businesses

In collaboration with the CoC for the Riverside County service area, the County of Riverside along with its service providers will continue to improve the lives of men, women, and children experiencing homelessness through local planning efforts and through the direct housing and services program funded under the FY 23/24 competition.

ATTACHMENT:

Resolution No. 2023-277

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CORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-277

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FROM THE 2023-2024 FUNDING YEAR OF THE STATE ESG PROGRAM, CONTINUUM OF CARE ALLOCATION NOFA.

A necessary quorum and majority of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, a political subdivision of the State of California, ("Applicant") hereby consent to, adopt and ratify the following resolution:

A. WHEREAS, the State of California (the "State"), Department of Housing and Community Development ("Department") issued a Notice of Funding Availability ("NOFA") for the **Continuum of Care Allocation** dated July 28, 2023 under the Emergency Solutions Grants ("ESG") Program ("Program"); and

B. WHEREAS, Applicant is an approved state ESG Administrative Entity.

SECTION 1:

Applicant is an approved Applicant by their Continuum of Care under the Continuum of Care Allocation and is hereby authorized and directed to receive an ESG grant, in an amount not to exceed five hundred ninety-eight thousand nine hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$598,998.00), in accordance with all applicable rules and laws.

SECTION 2:

The Department may approve funding allocations for the ESG Program, subject to the terms and conditions of the NOFA, Program regulations, and the Standard Agreement. The Applicant acknowledges compliance with all state and federal public participation requirements in the development of its applications.

SECTION 3:

If Applicant receives a grant of ESG funds from the Department pursuant to the above referenced ESG NOFA, it represents and certifies that it will use all such funds in a manner consistent and in compliance with all applicable state and federal statutes, rules, regulations, and laws, including without limitation all rules and laws regarding the ESG Program, as well as any and all other contracts Applicant may have with the Department.

1	SECTION 4.				
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3	The Applicant hereby authorizes and directs the Director of Riverside County Department of Housing and Workforce Solutions, or designee, to execute and deliver all applications and a				
4	on the Applicant's behalf in all matters pertaining to all such applications.				
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6	SECTION 5:				
7	If an application is approved, the Director of Riverside County Department of Housing and				
8	Workforce Solutions, or designee, is authorized to enter into, execute and deliver the gagreement (i.e., Standard Agreement) and any and all subsequent amendments thereto with				
9	State of California for the purposes of the grant.				
10	SECTION 6.				
11	SECTION 6:				
12	If an application is approved, the Director of Riverside County Department of Housing and Workforce Solutions, or designee, is authorized to sign and submit Funds Requests and all				
13	required reporting forms and other documentation as may be required by the State of Californi				
14	from time to time in connection with the grant.				
15	PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the County of Riverside Board of Supervisor of the County of Riverside held on November 7, 2023 by the following vote:				
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17	AYES: NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:				
18	ABSENT: ABSTAIN:				
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20	Kevin Jeffries, Chair County of Riverside Board of Supervisors				
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22	STATE OF CALIFORNIA County of Riverside				
23	I, Kimberly Rector, Clerk of the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors, County of Riverside,				
24	State of California, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board of Supervisors on this 7 th day of November 2023.				
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27	KIMBERLY RECTOR, Clerk of the Board, County of Riverside,				
28	State of California				

Board of Supervisors

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ROLL CALL:

Ayes:

Jeffries, Washington, Spiegel, Perez,

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-277

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION

OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FROM THE 2023-2024

FUNDING YEAR OF THE STATE ESG PROGRAM, CONTINUUM OF CARE ALLOCATION

NOFA.

Nays:

None

Absent:

Gutierrez

The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

Rv.

Deputy

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