



Housing Authority Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSIONERS **DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2015**

FROM: COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT **WARDS: ALL**

SUBJECT: RAPID RE-HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAMS AGREEMENT - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,000

ISSUE:

The issue for Housing Authority consideration is approval of a Rapid Re-Housing and Supportive Housing Programs Agreement between the Housing Authority of the City of Riverside and Path of Life Ministries to provide \$110,000 to support case management, housing counseling and utility payments for rapid re-housing and supportive housing services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the City of Riverside.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Housing Authority:

1. Approve a Rapid Re-Housing and Supportive Housing Programs Agreement with Path of Life Ministries to provide \$110,000 to support case management, housing counseling and utility payments for rapid re-housing and supportive housing services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the City of Riverside;
2. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to execute the Rapid Re-Housing and Supportive Housing Programs Agreement and make any non-substantive changes; and
3. Authorize a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$110,000 from the Housing Authority Fund Account No. 0000280-298000 to an account to be established by the Finance Department in the 280 Housing Authority Fund.

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, Path of Life Ministries received the following grants from the Riverside County Continuum of Care to help individuals and families exit life from the streets:

1. Rapid Re-Housing renewal grant
 - a. Grant amount: \$338,541
 - b. Number of households to be assisted: Thirteen

- c. Population served: Families
 - i. Seventeen adults at or over the age of twenty-five
 - ii. Two transitionally aged youth between the ages of eighteen and twenty-four
 - iii. Nineteen children
 - d. Activity: Provide rental assistance and security and utility deposits to homeless families with children under the age of eighteen
2. Permanent Supportive Housing Program grants
- a. Grant amount: \$1,278,690
 - b. First population served: Seventy-two chronically homeless with a head of household with a diagnosable disability without children
 - i. Seven transitionally aged youth between the ages of eighteen to twenty-four
 - ii. Sixty-five adults at or over the age of twenty-five
 - c. Second population served: Eight chronically homeless with a head of household with a diagnosable disability with children

Path of Life Ministries has requested \$110,000 to cover staff salaries for case management and housing counseling and to pay utility costs for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness in the City of Riverside. Clients must be residing in an emergency shelter, transitional housing or on the streets in the City of Riverside and are in need of temporary rental assistance in order to obtain and sustain housing through Path of Life Ministries' Rapid Re-Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing programs.

Per the Rapid Re-Housing and Supportive Housing Programs Agreement, Path of Life Ministries will be required to undertake the following activities:

- 1. Community Outreach and Education
- 2. Homeless Risk/Housing Barrier Screening, Assessment and Planning
- 3. Housing Identification and Placement
- 4. Flexible Financial Assistance (up to twelve months of rental assistance, utility assistance, food, and transportation to assist clients with obtaining and receiving supportive services and housing)
- 5. Tenant-Based Rental Assistance: Short-term (one to three months) and medium term (four to twenty-four months) rental subsidies based on household's need
- 6. Leveraging other available resources
- 7. Housing Case Management
- 8. Supportive Services Coordination

9. Maintaining proper documentation

10. Data collection and program evaluation

The Rapid Re-Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing programs use the Housing First model, which is an approach that centers on providing the homeless population with housing quickly and then providing supportive services to help households achieve self-sufficiency to ensure housing stability.

Staff is requesting the Housing Authority to approve the Rapid Re-Housing and Supportive Housing Programs Agreement with Path of Life Ministries to help homeless individuals and families exit life from the streets and achieve self-sufficiency and housing stability.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the City General Fund. There is \$110,000 available in the Housing Authority Fund Account Number 0000280-298000 to cover the costs identified in the Rapid Re-Housing and Supportive Housing Programs Agreement.

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Attachment:	Rapid Re-Housing and Supportive Housing Programs Agreement
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