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# City Council Memorandum

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**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: JANUARY 10, 2017**

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

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE SUBMITTAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT CONTINUUM OF CARE ANNUAL RENEWAL GRANTS FROM THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES WITH AWARD AMOUNTS THAT COLLECTIVELY DO NOT EXCEED \$600,000 AND AUTHORIZE ANNUAL RENEWALS OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM AGREEMENTS WITH RIVERSIDE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR OPERATIONS OF THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM UNITS UNDER THE CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANTS THAT COLLECTIVELY DO NOT EXCEED \$190,000 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS**

## **ISSUES:**

Authorize the submittal and acceptance of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care annual renewal grants from the County of Riverside Department of Public Social Services with award amounts that collectively do not exceed \$600,000, the annual renewals of Supportive Housing Program Agreements with Riverside Housing Development Corporation for operations of the Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless and Disabled Homeless Supportive Housing Programs units under the Continuum of Care grants that collectively do not exceed \$190,000.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to submit and accept future annual renewal U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Grants from the County of Riverside Department of Public Social Services with award amounts that collectively do not exceed \$600,000;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all grant agreements and all related documents on behalf of the City and to make minor non-substantive changes necessary to carry out the grants;
3. Authorize annual supplemental appropriations for the HUD Continuum of Care Grants grant awards and appropriate the same amount to an account determined by the Finance Division; and

4. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to annually renew the Supportive Housing Program Agreements with Riverside Housing Development Corporation for the Continuum of Care grants for the operations of the Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless and Disabled Homeless Supportive Housing Programs units that collectively do not exceed \$190,000.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Continuum of Care grant is funded by HUD and allocated through Continuum of Cares for the geographic areas in which they operate. The Continuum of Care Program promotes community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness and provides funding for efforts made by nonprofit providers and local government agencies to quickly re-house homeless individuals and families, promote access to mainstream programs, and optimizes self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Continuum of Care funds can be used to lease buildings to provide permanent housing, rental assistance, operating costs, supportive services, and payment of administrative costs.

The Riverside County Continuum of Care's lead agency is the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services. Annually the City of Riverside is awarded the following Continuum of Care grants from the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services.

| <b>Program</b>  | <b>Activity</b>   | <b>Initial Funding</b> | <b>Annual Grant Period</b> | <b>2016 Grant Funding Awards</b> |
|---|---|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Rapid Re-Housing                                      | Provide up to 12 months of rental assistance for homeless families                              | December 2014          | November - October         | \$216,448                        |
| Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless | Operate eight permanent supportive housing units for chronically homeless individuals           | January 2012           | January - December         | \$123,652                        |
| Disabled Homeless Supportive Housing Program          | Operate eight permanent supportive housing units for homeless persons with disabling conditions | February 2010          | February – January         | \$120,341                        |

The sixteen (16) Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless and Disabled Homeless Supportive Housing Programs units are managed by Riverside Housing Development Corporation. Therefore, the operation funds under the Continuum of Care grants that cover the cost of maintenance and repair of the Supportive Housing Program units, property taxes and insurance, property management salaries, client's utility costs, and furniture for clients are provided to the Riverside Housing Development Corporation on an annual basis through a Supportive Housing Program Agreement.

**DISCUSSION:**

City Council had previously approved the Continuum of Care grants and Supportive Housing Program Agreement annual renewals on the following dates:

| <b>Program</b>   | <b>Grant Annual Renewal<br/>Approved by City<br/>Council</b> | <b>Supportive Housing Program<br/>Agreement Annual Renewal<br/>Approved by City Council</b> |
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| Rapid Re-Housing   | August 11, 2015  | N/A   |
| Permanent Supportive Housing<br>for Chronically Homeless | November 18, 2014  | June 25, 2013   |
| Disabled Homeless Supportive<br>Housing Program          | April 5, 2011  | December 10, 2013   |

Since the previous Continuum of Care grant and Supportive Housing Program Agreement annual renewals that were approved by City Council did not include funding amounts, staff is requesting City Council to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to:

1. Submit and accept the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care annual renewal grants from the County of Riverside Department of Public Social Services with award amounts that collectively do not exceed \$600,000, and
2. Authorize annual renewals of Supportive Housing Program Agreements with Riverside Housing Development Corporation for operations of the Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless and Disabled Homeless Supportive Housing Programs units under the Continuum of Care grants that collectively do not exceed \$190,000.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no impact to the General Fund. In FY 2015/2016, the City received \$460,441 in Continuum of Care grant funds. Of these funds, \$138,009 was allocated to Riverside Housing Development Corporation to cover operation costs of the Supportive Housing Program units. The Continuum of Care Program requires a 25% match. The City's match contribution for 2016 was \$115,110, which was provided through Housing Authority and Community Development Block Grant funds for staff salaries.

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| Approved as to form:                      | Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney                             |

Attached: Presentation