



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
June 6, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager  
 Submitted by: Lisa Warhuus, Director, Health, Housing, and Community Services  
 Subject: Shelter Plus Care Program Renewal Grants

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to receive funds and execute any agreements and amendments resulting from the renewal of the following grants:

1. Two Shelter Plus Care grants from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): a) \$3,949,021 for Supportive Housing Collaborative Project (SHC) for the period June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024; b) \$2,327,914 for COACH Project (COACH) for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.
2. One federal Shelter Plus Care grant received via Alameda County in a not-to-exceed amount of \$881,045 to provide tenant-based rental assistance to individuals who are chronically homeless and disabled from March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Health, Housing, and Community Services' Housing and Community Services division (HHCS/HCS) has administered Shelter Plus Care grants for many years as part of the City's strategy to end homelessness. Each of the Shelter Plus Care grants and the grant from Alameda County provides funds for rental subsidies from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Grant revenues are deposited and expensed out of Funds 347-Shelter+Care HUD, and 348-Shelter+Care County, respectively. With the exception of the required 25% service match, these grants fund 100% of the program costs. HUD allows up to 10% of each grant to be used to administer the rental subsidies, which supports HHCS/HCS's grant-related administrative activities.

### CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Based on a national competition, HUD and Alameda County awarded funding to the City of Berkeley to renew three Shelter Plus Care grants that provide rental assistance to a minimum of 220 households. The City's Shelter Plus Care Program provides federal rental subsidies that are matched by locally provided services to transition formerly homeless, disabled individuals and families into permanent, supportive housing. These grants currently provide tenant-based rental subsidies for approximately 300 households to rent from private property owners in Berkeley, Albany, Alameda, Oakland, and Emeryville.

Each of the participants in the program receives case management and other supportive services provided by one or more of the following agencies: Bay Area Community Services (BACS), Berkeley Food and Housing Project (BFHP); City of Berkeley Mental Health Division (BMH); City of Berkeley Aging Services Division (Aging); Bonita House, Inc.(Bonita); Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS); East Bay AIDS Center (EBAC); Lifelong Medical Care (LLMC); and the Women's Daytime Drop-In Center (WDDC).

### 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 families and individuals. The Shelter Plus Care Program is funded by HUD and the County of Alameda to provide housing subsidies for people who are homeless with a disability. The program combines a rental subsidy with ongoing supportive services to assist chronically homeless individuals and families to obtain and maintain housing.

Each of the participants in the program receives case management and other supportive services provided by one or more of the following agencies: Bay Area Community Services (BACS), Berkeley Food and Housing Project (BFHP); City of Berkeley Mental Health Division (BMH); City of Berkeley Aging Services Division (Aging); Bonita House, Inc.(Bonita); Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS); East Bay AIDS Center (EBAC); Lifelong Medical Care (LLMC); and the Women's Daytime Drop-In Center (WDDC).

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental impacts or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Acceptance of the three Shelter Plus Care renewal grants will assure that 300 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

No alternative actions were identified that would be consistent with the City's goal to house the most vulnerable members of the community.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachment:  
1: Resolution

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

SHELTER PLUS CARE PROGRAM RENEWAL GRANTS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the County of Alameda have awarded the City of Berkeley Health, Housing & Community Services Department the following three Shelter Plus Care grants: 1) a) \$3,949,021 for Supportive Housing Collaborative Project (SHC) for the period June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024; b) \$2,327,914 for COACH Project (COACH) for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023; and 2) One grant from the County of Alameda in a not to exceed amount of \$881,045 to provide tenant-based rental assistance to individuals who are chronically homeless and disabled from March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the combined total for the three grants is an estimated \$7,157,980 to provide direct rental assistance, and of this amount approximately 10% is available to support the Health, Housing, and Community Services Department's grant-related administrative activities (For the HUD grants budget, Fund 347-Shelter+Care. For the contract with Alameda County, Fund 348-Shelter+Care; and

WHEREAS, these Shelter Plus Care grants are an annual renewal of an existing program that provides rental subsidies and ongoing support services for more than 300 homeless and disabled individuals and families in Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, the 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 seven 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 or her designee is hereby authorized to receive funds and execute any agreements and amendments resulting from the three grants awarded from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the County of Alameda for the City's Shelter Plus Care Program as follows: 1) a) \$3,949,021 for Supportive Housing Collaborative Project (SHC) for the period June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024; b) \$2,327,914 for COACH Project (COACH) for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023; and 2) One grant from the County of Alameda in a not to exceed amount of \$881,045 to provide tenant-based rental assistance to individuals who are chronically homeless and disabled from March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2024.

A signed copy of said documents, agreements and any amendments will be kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk.