



AGENDA SUMMARY EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

TITLE: Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program
(HHAP) Grant Round 5

DEPARTMENT: Finance

PREPARED BY: Jeff Davis

PRESENTED FOR: Action Information only Discussion

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize staff to apply for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 5 grant funding, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 in accordance with all applicable rules and laws. If the application is approved, authorize the City Manager to enter into, execute, and deliver the Standard Agreement and all other documentation which may be required for the purposes of this grant.

FISCAL IMPACT

No Fiscal Impact Included in Budget Additional Appropriation

COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION

Effective Governance

DISCUSSION

On September 30, 2022, the California Interagency Council on Homelessness announced the availability of an additional One Billion Dollars (\$1,000,000,000.00) in noncompetitive block grant funds for HHAP to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness, as defined by Section 50216(h) of the California Health and Safety Code and Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations ("C.F.R."), and homeless youth, as defined by Section 50216(k) of the California Health and Safety Code and Section 11434a(2) of the United States Code, ("Target Population").

The HHAP program is designed to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges throughout the state, and requires grantees to expend funds on evidence-based solutions that address and prevent homelessness. As a result, HHAP funds may be used for a variety of purposes, including, without limitation: rental assistance, housing relocation and stabilization,

outreach, coordination, homelessness prevention and shelter diversion services that are designed to provide access to permanent housing and promote housing stability in supportive housing; operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters and navigation centers; security deposits, holding fees and other landlord incentives. HHAP funding may also be used to fund the conversion of hotels or motels to permanent housing and construction of new navigation centers and emergency shelters based on demonstrated jurisdictional need.

Humboldt County has allocated Two Million Two Hundred Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Dollars and Eight Cents (\$2,214,620.08) in HHAP funding, after deducting administrative costs, for the implementation of various homelessness assistance projects. A minimum of Two Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Thirty-One Dollars and Nineteen Cents (\$238,131.19) is set aside for projects assisting youth experiencing homelessness. In accordance with the applicable HHAP requirements, the County has identified priorities for the expenditure of HHAP funding, including, without limitation: projects that are designed to provide rental assistance, housing relocation and stabilization, outreach, coordination, homelessness prevention and/or shelter diversion services that will allow members of the Target Population experiencing unsheltered homelessness to access affordable permanent housing; and projects that include construction, acquisition and/or rehabilitation of structures that will be used to provide permanent and/or interim housing to members of the Target Population.

Uplift Eureka continues to support community members experiencing homelessness by seeking grant opportunities to fund housing first programs. The Finance Department is seeking approval to submit a funding request for the HHAP grant program. The proposal includes funding requests to continue Uplift Eureka's Housing Assistance and Outreach programs. Funds will be utilized to cover application fees, deposits and rental costs, program supplies and personnel. These positions will facilitate ongoing stabilization services after individuals are housed, including conducting comprehensive assessments, case management, developing positive behavior support systems, and making referrals and connections to other community resources.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

- City Attorney
- City Clerk/Information Services
- Community Services
- Development Services
- Finance
- Fire
- Personnel
- Police
- Public Works