



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
June 4, 2024

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

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to receive up to the maximum grant award for the following Shelter Plus Care grants and to execute any resultant agreements and amendments.

- a. A Shelter Plus Care grant from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$2,327,914 for COACH Project (COACH) for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; and
- b. A federal Shelter Plus Care grant received via Alameda County in a not-to-exceed amount of \$927,164 to provide tenant-based rental assistance to individuals who are chronically homeless and disabled from March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025; and
- c. Two Shelter Plus Care grants from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that are estimated to be:
  1. \$4,165,069 for Supportive Housing Collaborative Project (SHC) for the period June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025; and
  2. \$2,438,926 for COACH Project (COACH) for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Health, Housing, and Community Services' Housing and Community Service 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 four Shelter Plus Care grants that provide rental assistance to a minimum of 220 households annually. 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 local agencies, such as Bay Area Community Services (BACS), Insight Housing (IH Formerly Berkeley Food and Housing Project BFHP); City of Berkeley Mental Health Division (BMH); City of Berkeley Aging Services Division (Aging); 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.

### 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 four Shelter Plus Care renewal grants will assure that approximately 290 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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Attachments:  
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 four Shelter Plus Care grants:

1. \$2,327,914 for COACH Project (COACH) for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; and
2. \$927,163 for County of Alameda Collaborative (AC Collaborative) for the period March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025; and
3. \$4,165,069 (estimated) for Supportive Housing Collaborative Project (SHC) for the period June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025; and
4. \$2,438,926 (estimated) for COACH Project (COACH) for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

WHEREAS, the combined total for the four grants is an estimated \$9,859,072 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 290 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 up to the maximum grant award, and execute any agreements and amendments resulting from the 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 estimated to be as follows: 1) \$2,327,914 for COACH Project (COACH) for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; 2) \$927,163 for County of Alameda Collaborative (AC Collaborative) for the period March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025; 3) \$4,165,069 or an amount more or less than this estimated amount for Supportive Housing Collaborative Project (SHC) for the period June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025; and 4) \$2,438,926 or an amount more or less than this estimated amount for COACH Project (COACH) for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

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