



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
June 24, 2025

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

- a. Alameda County Shelter Plus Care grant in a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,022,704 to provide tenant-based rental assistance to individuals who are chronically homeless and disabled from March 1, 2025, through February 28, 2026; and
- b. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Shelter Plus Care grant in the amount of \$7,305,893 for Supportive Housing Collaborative Project (SHC) for the period September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026.

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. The grant via Alameda County provides funding for rental subsidies, and the grant from HUD provides funding for rental subsidies and some supportive services provided by Berkeley's Aging Services Division. Grant revenues are deposited and expensed out of Funds 347 (Shelter+Care HUD), and 348 (Shelter+Care County), respectively. In the past, the HUD grant fully covered Aging Services staffing costs to serve 53 households. Due to increased staffing costs, the grant may only cover 74% of the staffing costs to serve these households. HHCS Staff is requesting a budget modification from HUD to increase funding for supportive services and help close the gap for this and future years. For FY26, HHCS has identified alternate one-time sources from other special funds with frozen positions.

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.

The Shelter Plus Care program also requires a 25% match, which is met through a range of services provided by Berkeley Mental Health, Aging Services Division, and five

community-based agencies that provide tenancy sustaining services. Because match sources are somewhat in flux and impacted by vacant positions, staff are tracking the match requirements closely and looking for new resources to ensure we fully leverage all federal funds.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Following a national competition, HUD and Alameda County awarded funding to the City of Berkeley to renew two Shelter Plus Care grants, which provide rental assistance to a minimum of 267 households annually. The City's Shelter Plus Care Program provides federal rental subsidies that are matched by locally provided services to help transition formerly homeless, disabled individuals and families into permanent, supportive housing. These grants currently provide tenant-based rental subsidies for approximately 290 households to rent from private property owners in Berkeley, Albany, Alameda, Oakland, and Emeryville.

Each participant in the program is offered Tenancy Sustaining Services with the goal of housing stability. These services include case management and linkages to supportive services that may be needed. Many of these services are provided by Berkeley Mental Health and Aging Services. Additionally, the City funds five community agencies Bay Area Community Services (BACS); Insight Housing; Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS); 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 in obtaining and maintaining 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 two 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 in place of this funding that would be consistent with the City's goal of housing 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 two Shelter Plus Care grants:

1. \$1,022,704 for County of Alameda Collaborative (AC Collaborative) for the period March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026; and
2. \$7,305,893 for Supportive Housing Collaborative Project (SHC) for the period September 1st, 2025 through August 31st, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the combined total for the two grants is an estimated \$8,328,597 to provide direct rental assistance and supportive services to 53 households; and

WHEREAS, approximately 10% of the SHC grant 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)); and

WHEREAS, these Shelter Plus Care grants are an annual renewal of an existing program that provides rental subsidies and ongoing support services to approximately 290 homeless and disabled individuals and families in Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, the rent subsidies provided through the City's Shelter Plus Care Program are partially matched by services provided by the City's Mental Health Division and Aging Services Division and five community-based agencies that assist formerly homeless, disabled individuals and families in retaining stable housing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or 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) \$1,022,704 for County of Alameda Collaborative (AC Collaborative) for the period March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026; and 2) \$7,305,893 for Supportive Housing Collaborative Project (SHC) for the period September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026.

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