



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of March 25, 2025  
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of April 1, 2025

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**DATE:** March 28, 2025

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Acceptance and Appropriation of Texas Homeless Housing and Services Program Grant Funds to Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities and Mission 911

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance accepting and appropriating the 2025 Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) grant in the amount of \$164,198 for the General Set Aside and \$53,111 for the Youth Set Aside, totaling \$217,309; authorizing agreements with the Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities (MHID) for \$142,309 and Mission 911 \$75,000 for the 2025 funds; authorizing TDHCA to contract directly with MHID for the 2026 and 2027 program years for HHSP and Ending Homelessness Funds (EHF); and authorizing the execution of funding agreements, and other documents necessary to implement the 2025, 2026, and 2027 programs.

### **SUMMARY:**

For 2025, TDHCA is awarding \$217,309 to the City to support the reduction of homelessness and housing stability. Funding proposals were accepted for funds from local groups. The awards proposed by City Council for 2025 are to two local service providers, MHID for \$142,309 and to Mission 911 for \$75,000.

The awards recommended by staff for 2026 and 2027 are to one local organization, MHID. The recommendations are based on the competitive application for funds issued by the City and the organizations application scoring. The dollar amount available for 2026 and 2027 has not yet been released but is anticipated to be similar to the 2025 award.

## **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

TDHCA established the Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) which provides funding to the nine largest cities in Texas in support of services to homeless individuals and families. The City of Corpus Christi has been allocated \$164,198 for HHSP General Set Aside funds and \$53,111 for the HHSP Youth Set Aside funds for 2025 for a total of \$217,309. In some years, the allocation includes funds from the TDHCA EHF. EHF allocations are based on available funding from the State. There are no 2025 EHF funds allocated.

TDHCA allows eligible communities to designate one local agency to contract directly with TDHCA for implementation of HHSP and EHF for a period of two years. If communities choose this option, an approved designation is required every two years. As Homeless Services staff was removed from the City budget in FY2025, staff recommends that for 2026 and 2027 HHSP and EHF, funding contracts be between TDHCA and MHID. TDHCA will contract with only one designated recipient. This designation was included in the competitive application for 2025 HHSP funds. MHID was the highest scorer for 2025.

The 2026 and 2027 funding allocations have not been announced yet. TDHCA requires that this designation be made in the Spring of each year before the beginning of the program year start, due to the timing of the FY2025 City budget and the resulting elimination of City Homeless Services, the direct relationship for 2025 was not allowed.

On July 29, 2024, the Homeless Services division released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) seeking a non-profit organization to provide services under these programs. Applications were due August 28, 2024. A Technical Assistance Workshop was held on August 6, 2024. The NOFA was modified to include the potential 2026 and 2027 direct contracting on August 14, 2024, when City budget discussions necessitated the preparation of the elimination of Homeless Services positions. Six applications were received. The lack of full-time employees for homeless services hindered the ability to process applications for the 2025 program and bring the recommendation for awards to City Council. Implementation challenges will continue through the 2025 program year. Authorizing TDHCA to contract directly with a local agency for 2026 and 2027 will eliminate this issue.

Through the competitive application process, the Planning and Community Development Department identified the MHID and Mission 911 as the agencies to receive the 2025 program funds. The City Council proposes to award Mission 911 \$75,000 from the General Set Aside and MHID \$53,111 from the Youth Set Aside and \$89,198 from the General Set Aside.

TDHCA requires recipients of HHSP funding to formally designate a representative and authorize entry into a contract with TDHCA. The City of Corpus Christi designates the Director of Planning and Community Development to authorize the Department to enter into a contract for the receipt of HHSP funding from TDHCA. The City of Corpus Christi also designates the Assistant Director of the Planning and Community Development Department, as the administrator.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

City Council can choose not to accept the funding, award funds to other agencies, amend award amounts, or choose to administer funds directly.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The City will receive \$217,309 for the 2025 program to pass through to local organizations. No funding would pass through the City for the 2026 and 2027 programs.

**FUNDING DETAIL:**

Fund: 1071  
Organization/Activity: TBD  
Department: 24  
Project # (**CIP Only**): N/A  
Account: Various Account: 530000

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends accepting and appropriating the funds, awarding MHID \$167,309 and Mission 911 \$50,000 for the 2025 funds and authorizing TDHCA to contract directly with MHID for 2026 and 2027.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance rev. 03.28.2025  
2025 HHSP Scoring Matrix  
Presentation rev. 03.28.2025