



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of September 12, 2023
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of September 19, 2023

DATE: September 12, 2023

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Ordinance accepting and appropriating the FY2022-2023 funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) and enter into a contract with the Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities (MHID) for homeless services; and accepting and appropriating the FY 2023-2024 funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) to address homelessness and housing stability for those at-risk of homelessness

CAPTION:

Ordinance accepting and appropriating the FY2022-2023 Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) grants, in the amount of \$197,798 for the General Set Aside fund and \$62,268 for the Youth Set Aside, totaling \$260,066 and authorizing agreements with the Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities (MHID) for the FY2022-2023 funds; authorizing the acceptance and appropriation of the FY2023-2024 Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) grants in the amount of \$154,196 for the General Set Aside fund, \$51,872 for the Youth Set Aside and \$64,104 for the Ending Homelessness Funds (EHF) totaling \$270,172 that will be awarded to a service provider through a competitive application process.

SUMMARY:

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) is awarding \$260,066 for FY2022-2023 and \$270,172 for FY2023-2024 to the City to support the reduction of homelessness and housing stability. These funds will be awarded to local homeless service providers. Funding proposals were accepted for funds for FY2022-2023 from local groups. The award is recommended to one local service provider, the Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities (MHID). The FY2023-2024 funds will be available through a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for a competitive application process.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (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 \$197,798 for HHSP General Set Aside funds and \$62,268 for the HHSP Youth Set Aside funds for FY2022-2023 for a total of \$260,066 and \$154,196 for the General Set Aside funds, \$51,872 for the Youth Set Aside and \$64,104 for the Ending Homelessness Funds (EHF) totaling \$270,172 for FY2023-2024.

The Ending Homelessness Act was established in 2019 implementing a legislation plan that comprehensively addresses homelessness and ensuring that every American who is experiencing homelessness has a place to call home. The Homeless Housing and Services Program ("HHSP") was established by the 81st Texas Legislature through an appropriations rider and codified during the 82nd Texas legislative session to provide funding to the nine largest cities in Texas, including the City of Corpus Christi ("City"), in support of services to homeless individuals and families.

On January 10, 2023, the Homeless & Housing Services division released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) seeking a non-profit organization to provide Homeless Street Outreach. Applications were due January 30, 2023. Only three applications were received. Upon reviewing the applications, it was determined that the requirements described and detailed in the Scope of Work of the NOFA were not met. To make better use of the funding, the Homeless and Housing Services staff reissued the NOFA with a broader spectrum of service provision. This new proposal increased applications significantly from three non-qualifying applications to nine applications. Through a competitive application process, the Planning and Community Development Department has identified the Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities (MHID) as the agency in Corpus Christi that can provide a housing continuum, utilizing a Housing First Model (best practice) and wrap-around supportive services to individuals who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. Based on the applications received and the entity's commitment to utilize the funds as required by the HHSP rules, staff recommends funds in the amount of \$260,066 appropriated to the Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities (MHID) for costs related to homeless prevention-financial assistance, and administrative costs.

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 Administrator of Homeless and Housing Services, in the Planning and Community Development Department, as the person who will oversee the work.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council can choose not to accept the funding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City will receive \$260,066 for FY2022-2023 and \$270,172 for FY2023-2024 in state funding on a reimbursement basis.

Funding Detail:

Fund 1071
Organization/Activity: 806105S/806106S
Mission Element: 007
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 530000

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting and appropriating the funds.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Presentation
Scoring Sheet