



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

1st Reading for the City Council Meeting of May 17, 2022

2nd Reading for the City Council Meeting of May 24, 2022

DATE: May 4, 2022

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Ordinance authorizing acceptance and appropriation of \$308,980 from Homeless Housing and Service Program (HHSP) and Ending Homelessness Fund (EHF) from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to address homelessness and housing stability for those at-risk of homelessness.

CAPTION:

Ordinance accepting and appropriating Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) grants, in the amount of \$195,606 for the General Set Aside fund and \$61,570 for the Youth Set Aside, and Ending Homelessness Fund (EHF), in the amount of \$51,804, totaling \$308,980, from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for FY2021-2022; amending the FY2021-22 operating budget to increase expenditures for HHSP in the amount of \$257,176 and to increase expenditures for the ending homelessness program (EHP) in the amount of \$51,804; authorizing agreements with Salvation Army for \$77,680, Mother Teresa Shelter for \$117,926, Mission 911 for \$51,804 and Corpus Christi Independent School District for \$21,000 to provide services to individuals who are homeless, or at risk of being homeless; and authorizing the Director of Neighborhood Services for the City to administer these grant funds.

SUMMARY:

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) is awarding \$308,980 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 from local groups. Awards are being made to four local groups.

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 \$195,606 for HHSP General Set Aside funds and \$61,570 for the HHSP Youth Set

Aside funds for 2021-2022. With permission from the City, the State awarded HHSP funds to one local nonprofit. It is not known by current State staff or City staff when this permission was granted. No local application process choosing the nonprofit is on record.

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 Ending Homelessness Funds (EHF) of 2019 appropriated \$13.27 billion in mandatory emergency relief funding over five years to several critical federal housing programs and initiatives, providing the resources that these programs need to effectively address the homelessness crisis in America. The City of Corpus Christi has been allocated \$51,804 in Ending Homelessness Funds (EHF) for 2021-2022. This is the first year on record that the City has accessed these funds.

Through an application process, the Neighborhood Services Department has identified The Salvation Army, Mother Teresa Shelter, Mission 911 and Corpus Christi Independent School District as agencies in Corpus Christi who can provide services for individuals who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. Funds in the amount of \$77,680 appropriated to the Salvation Army for costs related to operations, case management, and administrative costs; \$117,926 appropriated to Mother Teresa for costs related to case management, homeless assistance, homeless prevention, construction for the men's transitional home, operations, and administrative costs; \$51,804 appropriated to Mission 911 for costs related to administrative costs, homeless assistance, homeless prevention, and operations; and \$21,000 appropriated to Corpus Christi Independent School District for financial assistance to prevent homelessness among unaccompanied youth. Accessible Housing Resources, Inc. and Rising Tide Ministries also applied but were not selected. Accessible Housing Resources, Inc. is currently funded through the City's HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Rising Tide Ministries' proposed activity of family reunification is not an eligible activity under state rules.

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 the Neighborhood Services Department, as the person who will oversee the work and authorizes the Department to enter into a contract for the receipt of HHSP and EHF funding from TDHCA.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council can choose to not accept the funding or to award different agencies the funding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City will receive \$308,980 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