



Legislation Text

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To: Harris County Commissioners Court

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Subject: FY2020 CoC Northline Renewal Project

Project ID (If applicable): Continuum of Care: FY2020 Renewal Project-TX0313L6E002010

Purpose and Request:

Request by Community Services for approval for Harris County to execute a final agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Continuum of Care Northline renewal project in the amount of \$964,570 to provide 78 scattered-site permanent supportive housing units for homeless men and women throughout Harris County.

Background and Discussion:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the traditional Continuum of Care (CoC) NOFA competition for Fiscal Year 2020 was canceled. Instead, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) elected to renew the majority of existing Continuum of Care (CoC) programs. On January 29, 2021, HUD announced the list of F2020 CoC Renewal Projects and, Harris County's Northline project was included for a total award of \$964,570.

On May 13, 2021, Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD) received the FY2020 CoC Grant Award Letter for the CoC Northline renewal project. The anticipated program grant term will begin on December 1, 2021 and end on November 30, 2022. The Continuum of Care Program funds are used to provide rental assistance to homeless persons with serious mental illness, chronic problems with alcohol or drugs, or HIV/AIDS. The goal is to lead homeless persons toward economic self-sufficiency and independence. In addition, this program provides funds for eligible homeless persons with severe disabilities.

HCCSD requests approval for Harris County to enter into an agreement with HUD to renew the CoC Northline project for the purpose of providing a safe living environment through 78 scattered-site permanent supportive housing units for homeless men and women throughout Harris County.

Fiscal Impact:

FY2020 CoC Program funds will increase funding availability for Harris County to continue to provide tenant-based rental assistance for homeless disabled men and women throughout Harris County.

Fiscal Summary			
Expenditures	FY 20-21	FY 21-22 Projected	Future Years Projected [3 additional years]
Service Impacted: <i>[Please division where expenditure</i>			
Existing Budget	\$907,464		

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Alternatives:

There are no alternatives as Harris County Community Services Department has no other funding source that allows Harris County to provide scattered-site rental assistance for homeless disabled residents in the Harris County area.

Alignment with Strategic Objective:

- Reduce and Prevent Persons and/or families from experiencing homelessness
- Preserve housing stability through emergency financial assistance
- Improve quality of life through the utilization of grant funds
- Manage grants in compliance with federal, state and local statutes, rules and regulations
- Improve coordination and outreach with internal and external stakeholders

Attachments:

Grant Agreement