



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2024 Council Approved Budget to Accept and Appropriate Continuum of Care Planning Project Grant Awarded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The Greater Virginia Peninsula Homelessness Consortium (GVPHC) serves as the local Continuum of Care (CoC) and as such has the ability to apply for Federal and State grants. Grant funding is received for the Greater Virginia Peninsula Region. This region includes the cities of Hampton (Lead Agency), Newport News, Williamsburg, Poquoson, and the counties of York and James City. The region is labeled as VA505. Grants are used for the sole purpose of ending homelessness in the region. This specific grant is designed by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for regional planning activities and data collection that supports the reduction of homelessness.

Discussion:

Through grant funding from Federal and State governments and from localities, the regional body known as the GVPHC/VA505 was instrumental in ending chronic homelessness in Virginia through finding unsheltered individuals, e.g., living on the streets, in cars, or other places not meant for human habitation.

This Grant impacts the Federal Strategic Plan to reduce/end homelessness and is also directly related to the regional ten year plan to end homelessness. The regional CoC has adopted the vision that homelessness will be rare, brief, and non-recurring. This planning Grant allows the GVPHC to gather data and provides guidance in determining how to proceed as a system to meet the above-stated goals. The most recent data gathered (GVPHC 2023 System Performance Measures Report) shows an increase by 15% of people experiencing homelessness at a single point in time. Following national trends, the majority of homeless persons were male, single individuals and over the age of 25.

The GVPHC's System Performance Measures over the past 6 years (2017 - 2022) show an increase by 11% in the number of persons becoming homeless for the first time.

Impact:

As a regional body, matching funds for grants are leveraged from other localities. No matching funds are required from the City of Hampton for this Grant. The City will not incur any financial burden related to this Grant request. The total grant amount is \$58,516.

Recommendation:

Approve and appropriate the Continuum of Care Planning Project Grant.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded

a Continuum of Care Planning Project Grant in the amount of \$58,516, with no local match required; and

WHEREAS, the Grant award covers the period of January 1, 2024 to December 31,2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Hampton, Virginia accepts and appropriates the Continuum of Care Planning Project Grant in the amount of \$58,516, with no local match required, for a total amount of \$58,516, and any related supplemental funding by HUD in accordance with the Grant Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the City Manager, or her designee, to take the necessary steps to implement this Grant Award.