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Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2021 Council Approved Budget to Accept and Appropriate the 2019 Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning Project Grant Awarded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

### **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.

(See Hampton City Council File No. 17-160, Resolution adopted May 10, 2017; Hampton City Council File No. 18-0150, Resolution adopted May 23, 2018; Hampton City Council File No. 18-0389, Resolution adopted December 12, 2018; and City Council File No. 19-0318, Resolution adopted November 13, 2019.

### **Discussion:**

With grant funding from Federal and State governments and from localities, the regional body known as the GVPHC/VA505 has reduced overall homelessness by 42% and was instrumental in ending chronic homelessness in Virginia. The GVPHC continues to see a steady decrease in regional homelessness numbers and consistently receives higher bench mark scores than neighboring CoCs.

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 \$58,672.

### **Impact:**

This grant impacts the Federal Strategic Plan to reduce/end homelessness and is also directly related to the regional 10 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 2019 - 2020 Annual Report) shows emergency shelters nationwide are seeing an increase in the number of adults entering their programs who are male, single, older, who report having a disability, and who come from sheltered locations. This shows that emergency shelters serve an increasingly vulnerable population, one that may face higher barriers to housing or have greater needs for services and support.

**Recommendation:**

Approve.

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded a 2019 Continuum of Care Planning Project Grant in the amount of \$58,672; and

**WHEREAS**, this Grant award requires no local match; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant award covers the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia hereby amends its Fiscal Year 2021 Council Approved Budget to accept and appropriate the 2019 Continuum of Care Planning Project Grant in the amount of \$58,672, with no local match required, for a total amount to \$58,672, and any related supplemental funding by HUD in accordance with the grant agreement,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia authorizes the City Manager, or her designee, to take any and all actions necessary to implement this grant award.