



Legislation Text

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Resolution Approving the City of Hampton, Virginia's Participation in and Appropriation of the 2016 Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning Grant through the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The Greater Virginia Peninsula Homelessness Continuum (GVPHC) serves as the local Continuum of Care (CoC) and as such has the ability to apply for and receive 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 HUD for regional planning activities and data collection that supports the reduction of homelessness.

(See Hampton City Council File No.17-0160; Resolution adopted May 10, 2017)

Discussion:

With grant funding from State and Federal governments and from localities, the regional body known as the GVPHC/VA505 has reduced overall homelessness by 45% and was instrumental in ending chronic veteran homelessness in Virginia. The GVPHC continues to see a steady decrease in regional homeless 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 \$58,754.

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 (April 18, 2018) shows emergency shelters nationwide are seeing an increase in the number of adults entering their programs who are older, who report having a disability, and who come from unsheltered 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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded a 2016 Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning Grant to the City of Hampton, Virginia in the amount of \$58,754 with no local match required; and

WHEREAS, the grant award covers the period of May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia accepts and appropriates the 2016 CoC Planning Grant in the amount of \$58,754, with no local match required, for a total grant amount of \$58,754, 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.