

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Community + Human Development

AGENDA DATE: September 17, 2019 (Consent)

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

SUBJECT:

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign all contracts, contract amendments and related documents between the City of El Paso and the State of Texas to receive \$483,738 in Program Year 2020 Homeless, Housing and Services Program (HHSP) funds from the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA); and authorizing the Director of the Department of Community and Human Development (DCHD) to sign all contracts, amendments and related documents between the City of El Paso and agencies receiving sub-awards of PY2020 HHSP funds from the City, as well as all certifications, performance reports, and other related documents.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

In 2009, funding for the Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP), a program administered by the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA), was established by the Texas State Legislature to address the needs of persons and families experiencing homelessness, or at risk of becoming homeless. Under the HHSP program, cities with populations exceeding 285,500 persons receive an annual formula allocation of HHSP funds, making El Paso one of nine cities in Texas that receive an HHSP allocation.

The PY2020 formula allocation for El Paso in general HHSP funds is \$370,362. These general HHSP funds will be sub-awarded to non-profit agencies providing homelessness prevention, homeless assistance, and case management services. The City of El Paso was also approved for a supplemental set-aside of \$113,376 specifically to support efforts to address youth homelessness. Those activities include transitional housing, case management and essential services for youth ages 24 and below.

The main purpose of this resolution is to authorize the City Manager to sign contracts between the City of El Paso and TDHCA to receive the combined \$483,738 in HHSP funds, which may be utilized through August 31, 2020. This resolution also gives the Director of Community and Human Development the authority necessary to administer the PY 2020 HHSP grants.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

September 18, 2018 – Council approved accepting Program Year 2019 HHSP funds.

*******REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*******

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____
Nicole Ferrini, Director, Community and Human Development

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2009, funding for the Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP), a program administered by the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA), was established by the Texas State Legislature to address the needs of persons and families experiencing homelessness, or at risk of becoming homeless; and

WHEREAS, TDHCA appropriated General Revenue Funds in the amount of \$483,738 to award to the City of El Paso under PY2020 (10th Round) of HHSP funding to be executed under two contracts; one contract for general HHSP funds totaling \$370,362 for homelessness prevention, homeless assistance and case management salaries; the other for youth set aside funds totaling \$113,376 for transitional housing, essential services and case management activities. The period of both contracts to run through August 31st, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Community and Human Development Department (DCHD) has consulted with the El Paso Coalition for the Homeless on the allocation of funds for both general HHSP and the youth set aside, as required on all State and Federal homeless assistance funding.

WHEREAS, through this Resolution, the City of El Paso has authorization to enter into a Contract for HHSP funds; and that the City Manager and the Director of the Department of Community and Human Development (DCHD) also has authority to execute contracts, contract amendments and related documents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That the City Manager be authorized to sign all contracts, contract amendments and related documents between the City of El Paso and the State of Texas for PY2020 HHSP funds; and
2. That the Director of the Department of Community and Human Development (DCHD) be authorized to sign all contracts, amendments and related documents between the City of El Paso and agencies receiving sub-awards from the City (Sub-Grantee Agencies) for PY2020 HHSP funds, as well as all certifications, performance reports, and related documents for TDHCA and Sub-Grantee Agencies.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2019.

CITY OF EL PASO

Dee Margo
Mayor, City of El Paso

(Signatures on the following page)

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Omar De La Rosa,
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Nicole M. Ferrini, Director
Community and Human Development