

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

DEPARTMENT: Community and Human Development
AGENDA DATE: October 18, 2016
CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Verónica R. Soto/212-0138
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

City Council is requested to amend the Policies and Procedures for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Entitlement Grants they adopted on August 25, 2015 and August 23, 2016 respectively, to eliminate the ten percent cash match requirement for the subrecipient/project sponsor of the City's HOPWA Grant.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

On August 25, 2015 and August 23, 2016, City Council adopted policies and procedures applicable to the planning processes for the following 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Entitlement Grants the City receives from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):

1. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
2. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
3. Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant (HOPWA)

One of the policies City Council adopted as part of the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 HOPWA application states that ***"Applicants will be required to provide 10% of the cost of the HOPWA project in cash"***. This match requirement is a local policy that the City has utilized since it first received the entitlement grant from HUD in 2009. Because the previous subrecipient/project sponsor for this grant had been a non-profit service provider, the intent of this policy was to have the project sponsor also contribute some of its own resources to administer the grant.

However, since the current subrecipient/project sponsor for this grant beginning on September 1, 2016, is no longer a non-profit service provider, but the City itself, as the grant was awarded to the City's Public Health Department, it is now recommended that the cash match requirement be eliminated so that the Public Health Department (or "City") is not required to provide a cash match for the HOPWA federal funds. The Public Health Department was also the only applicant during the 2017-2018 HOPWA funding process, and is expected to continue as the project sponsor of this entitlement grant.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

City Council annually approves the policies and procedures for the CDBG, ESG and HOPWA programs.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

RESOLUTION

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

That the Policies and Procedures for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Entitlement Grants adopted by City Council on August 25, 2015 and August 23, 2016 respectively, be amended to eliminate the ten percent cash match requirement for the subrecipient/project sponsor of the City's Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Grant.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2016.

CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Juan S. Gonzalez
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Verónica R. Soto, AICP, Director
Community and Human Development