



CITY OF POMONA

COUNCIL REPORT

October 20, 2025

To: Honorable Chairperson and Governing Board of the City of Pomona Housing Authority

From: Anita D. Scott, Executive Director

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SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF POMONA HOUSING AUTHORITY (PHA) TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD AND RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD), TOTALING \$492,981

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council, sitting as the Governing Board of the City of Pomona Housing Authority, take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-105 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, SITTING AS THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMONA HOUSING AUTHORITY APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) GRANT AWARD, TO RECEIVE FUNDING TOTALING \$492,981, AMENDING THE FY 2025-26 BUDGET BY INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE SAME AMOUNT

- 2) Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) as required for the administration of the Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Program;
- 3) Authorize the Executive Director of the Housing Authority or her designee to execute the contracts and other documentation requested for acceptance and implementation of the grant award.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Approval of this item will accept the twenty-five (25) vouchers awarded on September 25, 2025, authorize the Executive Director to execute a MOU (Attachment No. 2)

and amends the FY 2025-26 operating budget by \$492,981. The acceptance of these 25 additional vouchers will enable Pomona to provide critical housing support to Foster Youth aging out of foster care, helping to prevent homelessness and promote stability for this vulnerable population. By securing stable housing, these young individuals will have a stronger foundation to transition into adulthood, pursue education or employment opportunities, and contribute positively to the community.

SB1439/GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLICABILITY:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-105 (Attachment No. 1) will amend the FY 2025–26 Operating Budget by increasing both revenue and expenditure estimates as follows:

PROGRAM	REVENUE ACCT #	APPROPRIATE (\$)	EXPENDITURE ACCT #	APPROPRIATE (\$)
FYI Program	205-1791- 40850-00000	-\$474,231	205-1791- 52579-00000	+\$474,231
	205-1791- 40853-00000	-\$18,750	205-1791- 52285-00000	+\$18,750

PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION:

On January 27, 2020, the City Council, sitting as the Governing Board of the Pomona Housing Authority (PHA), authorized staff to submit a grant application to HUD for five (5) vouchers under the FYI Program and approved entering into an MOU with Department of Family Child Services as required by the FYI application. On August 4, 2020, the PHA was awarded five (5) FYI vouchers. The award initiated a collaborative partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to support transitional aged youth (TAY) who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness and have been involved in the child welfare system. Building on early success, the PHA applied for an additional ten (10) vouchers on March 1, 2024. On September 9, 2024, the PHA was awarded ten (10) additional FYI Vouchers.

DISCUSSION:

The FYI Program, an initiative of HUD, provides Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) assistance and supportive services to eligible youth aged 18 to 24 who meet the following criteria:

- Exited foster care at age 16 or older, or are within 90 days of leaving foster care, as outlined in a transition plan under section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act;
- Are homeless; or
- Are at risk of homelessness.

The success of the FYI program relies on effective coordination among community partners to identify, target, and connect eligible youth with housing and related support, such as mental health services and healthcare.

This initiative is part of a broader federal effort to prevent and end youth homelessness. The FYI program allows PHAs to request HCVs for youth under 25 with a history of child welfare involvement for up to 36 months. Additionally, participants may be eligible for an extension of up to 24 months if they meet specific criteria, such as participating in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program or engaging in education, workforce development, or employment activities. Furthermore, the FSHO amendment provides an extension of assistance for up to 24 months beyond the 36-month time limit of assistance if FYI program participants meet one of three statutory exceptions.

This contract is being brought forward retroactively because the original MOU expired on July 31, 2025. Following the application for 25 additional FYI vouchers on August 6, 2025, it was necessary to update the MOU with DCFS to meet HUD's compliance requirements. The City was required to wait for HUD's written approval before proceeding, which typically takes up to 60 days. Now that final approval has been received and acceptance of the vouchers is scheduled for October 20, 2025, the updated MOU can be finalized, allowing the issuance of new FYI vouchers to begin in early November.

Building on the success of the initial awards, the PHA applied and was awarded an additional 25 FYI vouchers. The award was a direct result of the PHA's high performer status and by achieving a 100% utilization rate of its current FYI vouchers, exceeding the required 90% threshold. The PHA now seeks approval to accept this award and continue its efforts to support TAY in the community by expanding the FYI program in partnership with DCFS

COUNCIL PRIORITIES & GOALS: This item supports City Council Goal J – Encourage the development and maintenance of quality housing opportunities for all and Goal K: – to reduce the unsheltered homeless population by 10% annually and take actions to mitigate the impacts of homelessness on the community.

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ATTACHMENT:

Authorize the Acceptance of a HUD Grant Award
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Attachment No. 1 - Resolution No. 2025-105
Attachment No. 2 - Memorandum of Understanding