



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

Date: October 15, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

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Subject: **Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Seventeen U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 811 Mainstream Vouchers in the amount of \$233,432 to Operate the Mainstream Voucher Program, Effective November 1, 2018**

OVERVIEW

Recommendations - That the City Council adopt the attached resolution:

1. Authorizing the acceptance of seventeen (17) Section 811 Mainstream Vouchers, worth \$233,432 in annual funding from HUD to operate a tenant-based Mainstream Voucher Program;
2. Amending the FY 2018-2019 Operating Budget by receiving and appropriating \$214,664 in rental assistance to non-elderly disabled persons and approximately \$18,768 for administrative costs in fund 205-1791-XXXXX-59009;
3. Amending the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan to comply with 24 CFR 982 and 983;
4. Authorizing the City Manager, as Executive Director of the Pomona Housing Authority, to execute the appropriate contracts and other documentation requested for acceptance of the award and operation of the above listed program to HUD, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Fiscal Impact- Adoption of the attached resolution will bring \$233,432 in grant funding to provide rental assistance to non-elderly disabled families within our community. The start date of the program is November 1, 2018, thus the new funding award will amend the FY 2018-2019 Operating Budget by receiving and appropriating \$214,664 in HUD funding for rental assistance and \$18,768 for administrative costs to Fund 205-1791-XXXXX-59009.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Section 811 Mainstream (Mainstream) Housing Choice Voucher Program provides funding to housing agencies to assist non-elderly persons with disabilities who are transitioning out of institutional or other separated settings, at serious risk of institutionalization, homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless. The City of Pomona's Housing Authority was awarded seventeen Mainstream vouchers to provide permanent housing assistance to qualified families.

DISCUSSION

The Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2017 made approximately \$13 million available for new Section 811 Housing Choice Vouchers (known as Mainstream Vouchers) to assist non-elderly persons with disabilities. The Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2018 made an additional \$385 million available for new Mainstream Vouchers. HUD awarded the 2017 funding and a portion of the 2018 funding to qualified applicants based on the criteria laid out in the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

While not a requirement to receive funding under this NOFA, HUD provided additional points for public housing agencies (PHAs) that target funds to assist non-elderly persons with disabilities who are transitioning out of institutional or other segregated settings, at serious risk of institutionalization, homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless. In addition, points were awarded for PHAs that formalize partnerships with and leverage resources from State Medicaid Agencies and various health and human services partner agencies or organizations.

The City of Pomona has established formal partnerships with multiple health and human service agencies and organizations with a demonstrated capacity to coordinate voluntary services and supports to enable individuals to live independently in the community. These partnerships will assist the PHA to use these vouchers by providing referrals, assisting with a timely transition to a unit, and providing the opportunity to access any supportive services and supports. Demonstrated capacity may refer to previous experience and a well-developed plan to provide referrals, services, and supports.

Vouchers awarded under this NOFA will be subject to all requirements of 24 CFR part 982, or part 983 if vouchers are project-based. The Housing Authority's Administrative Plan was recently updated describing the policies that have been adopted in each area where the PHA has discretion. Housing Choice Voucher program regulations specify the policy areas that must be covered in the Administrative Plan (Attachment 3). In order to expand housing opportunities for individuals and families experiencing homelessness through the Housing Choice Voucher Program, the PHA is incorporating a targeted and special programs preference to families who qualify for targeted or special programs administered by the PHA. Applicants will be admitted before all other eligible applicants or applicants on the waiting list. Referrals made by partner agencies with a contract or Memorandum of Understanding in place up to and not to exceed the number of vouchers specified in the contract. The PHA will provide a preference specifically for people who are referred by a partnering homeless service organization or consortia of organizations such as organization that refers people transitioning out of a shelter, transitional housing program, or rapid re-housing program. The revisions made to the Pomona Housing Authority Administrative Plan are identified in Attachment 2, specifically Chapter 4 (4-III.C. SELECTION METHOD).

Attachment: 1. Resolution
 2. Table of Contents (TOC)
 3. Administrative Plan

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