



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

October 7, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

Submitted By: Benita De Frank, Neighborhood Services Director

SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2019-161 AMENDING THE FY 2018-2019 CITY'S OPERATING BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$72,000 TO PAY AN OUTSTANDING JUNE 2019 INVOICE FOR THE POMONA OPERATION PORCHLIGHT GRANT PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-161 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2018-2019 CITY'S OPERATING BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$72,000 TO PAY AN OUTSTANDING JUNE 2019 INVOICE FOR THE POMONA OPERATION PORCHLIGHT GRANT PROGRAM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each year the City of Pomona applies for and receives an annual renewal of Continuum of Care (CoC) grant funding. On June 18, 2018, City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$604,936 of CoC grant funds to administer the Operation Porchlight Rapid Re-Housing grant for Calendar Year (CY) 2019 which began January 1, 2019 and operates through December 31, 2019. Through the budget process the funding for this program was split between the City's FY 2018-2019 budget and FY 2019-2020 budget. When the agency that is operating the grant submitted the June 2019 invoice to the City it exceeded that amount that had been appropriated in the FY 2018-2019 budget. This action will appropriate the needed funding to pay the invoice in the appropriate fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This action will amend the FY 2018-19 City Operating Budget by appropriating \$72,000 in available Operation Porchlight Fund Balance (136-XXXX-XXXXX-58702) as stated in the Resolution - Attachment No. 1.

Adoption of the attached resolution will provide funding in the amount of \$72,000 to pay the outstanding June 2019 Operation Porchlight invoice from Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA), the agency awarded the funding to administer the grant, for services and rental assistance provided to homeless program participants. This CoC grant has been awarded for the calendar year of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. The City's fiscal year revenue estimate and budget appropriations process require the total award of \$604,936 to be split between FY 2018-2019 and FY 2019-2020. The cost of services and rental assistance provided between January 1, 2019 and June 30, 2019 have exceeded the FY 2018-2019 budget allocation of \$366,319, but will not exceed the total contract award of \$604,936. The awarded funds needed to pay the outstanding invoice are available in the FY 2019-2020 budget allocation. The proposed budget amendment will increase the FY 2018-2019 budget by \$72,000. There is no General Fund impact with this item.

PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION:

On June 18, 2018, City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$604,936 in CoC grant funds and the award of \$558,628 to VOALA to administer the Operation Porchlight Rapid Rehousing grant for Calendar Year 2019.

DISCUSSION:

The Continuum of Care Program

The CoC Program is designed to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness and to provide the services needed to help such individuals move into transitional and permanent housing, with the goal of long-term stability.

More broadly, the CoC Program is designed to:

- Promote community-wide planning and strategic use of resources to address homelessness;
- Improve coordination and integration with mainstream resources and other programs targeted to people experiencing homelessness; improve data collection and performance measurement; and,
- Allow each community to tailor its programs to the particular strengths and challenges in assisting homeless individuals and families within that community.

Rapid Re-Housing

The Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) program is a program funded under the COC grant. The RRH program emphasizes housing search and relocation services and short- and medium-term rental assistance to move homeless persons and families as rapidly as possible into permanent housing. As a best practice, RRH appears to have encouraging outcomes such as: decreased length of homelessness, fewer returns to homelessness, lower costs per household than other interventions, and decreased homelessness in communities. A key element of RRH is the "Housing First" philosophy, which offers housing without preconditions such as employment, income, good credit or sobriety. If issues such as these need to be addressed, the household can address them most effectively once they are in housing.

On June 18, 2018, the City Council awarded \$558,628 to VOALA to administer the Operation Porchlight Rapid Rehousing grant for Calendar Year 2019, from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. The grant was then split up into two of the City's fiscal year budgets for better management. In reality, the cost of services in the FY 2018-2019 program exceeded the budget allocation by \$72,000. This action will allow the City to pay the outstanding invoice submitted by VOALA for services provided prior to June 30, 2019. The cost of services and rental assistance provided between January 1, 2019 and June 30, 2019 have exceeded the FY 2018-2019 budget allocation of \$366,319, but will not exceed the total contract award of \$558,628 for the remainder of the grant term ending on December 31, 2019.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES & GOALS:

This item supports the 2019-2020 City Council Priority 3: Safe and Clean Communities – Goal K: 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:

Attachment No. 1 – Resolution No. 2019-161