



City Council Report

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To: Mesa City Council
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Subject: Continuum of Care Shelter Plus Care Program (Citywide)

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is for the Mesa City Council to review and approve the acceptance of the Continuum of Care Shelter Plus Care (S+C) Grant for 2019 in the amount of \$94,280.

Background

The City of Mesa Housing Services (Housing Services) and the Affordable Rental Movement (ARM) of the Save the Family Foundation of Arizona, Inc. worked together to provide rental assistance and supportive services to families using a grant received through the Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

In 2012, Housing Services was awarded a five-year S+C grant in the amount of \$418,740. The grant provides rental assistance to disabled families who are experiencing homelessness, along with funding for supportive services. ARM provides the housing units funded under the grant through scattered site two-bedroom units, including utilities paid, for disabled families. Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care (MMIC) provides mental health and substance abuse case management services for the families. Save the Family provides support services through their Family, Adult and Children's Empowerment Services (FACES). Housing Services manages the rental assistance component of the grant.

Housing Services and ARM applied to renew the grant, which is now on an annual basis. HUD recently announced that the City of Mesa was awarded the renewal funding. The award is for \$94,280 which will assist nine families with housing under the S+C program. Ten percent of this grant can be used for case management/administrative cost for the Housing Services staff. This grant will expire on February 28, 2020. The housing assistance and support services will continue through this grant period.

Discussion

Staff requests City Council approve acceptance of the S +C grant funding for 2019 in the amount of \$94,280.

Alternatives

The alternative is to not accept the federal grant, which will result in ending the program with ARM and having to displace the families currently participating in the program and residing in the units.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City. The funds are awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and fully support the program.