



## City Council

**Date:** July 8, 2020

**To:** Mesa City Council

**Through:** Natalie Lewis, Deputy City Manager

**From:** Ruth Giese, Community Services Director  
Mary Brandon, Community Services Deputy Director

**Subject:** 2020 Mainstream Voucher Program

### Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to provide information for the Mesa City Council to approve and authorize the City Manager to accept, expend, and distribute grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) based on the 2020 Mainstream Voucher Program in the amount of \$63,645.

### Background

The City of Mesa Housing Services (MHA) administers various housing programs that serve over 1,700 households including: Housing Choice Voucher Program, Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program, and the Mainstream Program. HUD dictates the program rules through federal regulations based on federal statutory authority and local policies are outlined in the City of Mesa Housing Administrative Plan.

HUD occasionally provides new funding opportunities for housing agencies. The CARES Act directs HUD to proportionally allocate additional vouchers to Public Housing Authorities that received an award under either of the two most recent Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs). MHA has been awarded nine (9) additional Mainstream vouchers, effective August 1, 2020.

### Discussion

MHA was awarded nine (9) vouchers in the total amount of \$63,645 annually. The Mainstream Vouchers will assist non-elderly persons experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness and can also assist persons who are institutionalized or are at risk of being institutionalized. The starting effective date of the Mainstream Vouchers is August 1, 2020.

**Alternatives**

The alternative is to not accept the federal grants, which will result in a negative impact with HUD and the loss of an opportunity to assist non-elderly disabled persons and families working with DCS.

**Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the City. The funds are awarded by HUD and the funding fully supports the program.