



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Human Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Melody Woosley

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of funds upon award by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to address youth homelessness through the TDHCA Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) Youth Set-Aside funds in the amount of \$179,140.00 for the term October 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024.

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes budgetary and grant related actions regarding funds provided by the TDHCA to address youth homelessness, including:

a) The approval to accept upon award FY 2022 youth set-aside carryover funds from the TDHCA – HHSP in the amount of \$179,140.00;

b) Authorization to negotiate and execute contracts to allocate FY 2022 youth-set aside carryover funds for the following:

- \$89,570.00 to Haven for Hope for youth shelter beds;
- \$89,570.00 to San Antonio Metropolitan Ministries (SAMM) Young Adult Stability and Support (YASS) Center serving drop-in clients and conducting youth street outreach.

c) The approval for the Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS) to execute necessary

documents including grant contracts and amendments; carryover funds; line-item budget revisions; and the acceptance of additional grant funds if awarded, in an amount up to 20% of the total amount listed above.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Established in 2009, the TDHCA – HHSP funds services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness throughout the State of Texas. Funding is allocated to the nine largest cities in Texas.

The City of San Antonio is a previous subrecipient of HHSP youth set-aside funds, which serves unaccompanied homeless youth and young adults 24 years of age and younger. In 2019 and 2020, HHSP youth-set aside funds allocated to San Antonio supported programs that served more than 300 homeless youth and young adults. Programs and services have previously included case management, street outreach, transitional housing, hotel vouchers, rental assistance, medical and behavioral health support, and educational support.

Allowable activities for the grant include construction, development, or procurement of housing for homeless persons; rehabilitation of structures targeted to serving homeless persons or persons at-risk of homelessness; provision of direct services and case management to homeless persons or persons at-risk of homelessness; or other homelessness-related activity, as approved.

**ISSUE:**

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs has communicated with the City of San Antonio’s Department of Human Services that they have been selected to receive additional funding for HHSP Youth Set-Aside funds in the amount of \$179,140.00. These one-time additional funds are the State of Texas’ carryover funds from FY 2022.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

If City Council does not approve the acceptance of the TDHCA funds, the funds would be returned to the State of Texas for use in other large metropolitan cities.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds upon award of TDHCA – HHSP youth set-aside funds in the amount of \$179,140.00 for the term October 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024. The ordinance further authorizes contracts for direct services to homeless persons or persons at risk of homelessness. There is no impact to the General Fund in the form of a cash-match.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.

