



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Neighborhood and Housing Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Veronica Garcia, Director

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Post-Solicitation briefing on the recommendations for the 2022-2027 Housing Bond Request for Proposals (RFP) for Permanent Supportive Housing Development

SUMMARY:

City Council will receive a staff briefing on the recommendations for the Permanent Supportive Housing Development funded through the 2022-2027 Housing Bond, Federal HOME-ARP and Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLRF).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Voters approved the \$150 million 2022-2027 Housing Bond in May 2022. The funding included \$25 million to facilitate development of Permanent Onsite Supportive Services (PSH) projects. The City Council appointed Housing Community Bond Committee developed the funding categories and housing bond parameters. City Council approved the categories, parameters, and Bond on February 10, 2022.

Through the Strategic Plan to Respond to Homelessness in San Antonio and Bexar County as well as the Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP) the importance of permanent supportive housing (PSH) as an effective and needed intervention in our community has been identified.

Together with our partners we have set a goal to produce 1,000 PSH units over the next 10 years.

Permanent Supportive Housing serves chronically homeless individuals with onsite supportive services to live independently while easily accessing those services they need. All applicants were required to provide a Housing First approach which connects people experiencing homelessness to safe, secure, and permanent housing without any preconditions or barriers to entry. Applicants were also required to utilize the Coordinated Entry System (CES) as a resident referral system for available housing. Housing Bond funds were levered with other available City and County Federal funding sources in a joint solicitation. The process also included the local continuum of care, South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless (SARAH) to ensure coordination with annual services funding that becomes available.

The City issued a Requests for Proposals (RFP) on November 28, 2022, for Permanent Supportive Housing Development. Responses were due on January 23, 2023. The San Antonio Housing Commission received a briefing on process and recommendations on March 22, 2023.

Staff is working closely with recommended applicants to finalize awards for City Council consideration which is scheduled to take place on April 20, 2023.

ISSUE:

A total of \$42,900,000 was made available from Housing Bond, Federal HOME-ARP, and Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLRF) from the City of San Antonio and Bexar County funding sources. The scoring committee included city staff, county staff, partners with expertise in one or more of the bond scoring parameters and members of the Housing Community Bond Committee. A total of 5 proposals were received, requesting a total of nearly \$69,800,000 in funding. The committee has recommended 3 projects for a total of \$31,250,000.

A summary of the 3 project recommendations is below:

	\$ Amount Available	\$ Amount Recommended for Award	\$ Amount Leveraged	Total # Units	# Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Units*
PSH	\$42,912,842	\$31,250,000 (3 Projects)	\$57,300,000	301	288

* All respondents will follow housing first and trauma informed care standards.

Recommendations will be presented to City Council for award consideration on April 20, 2023. The remaining funds that are not awarded in this round for Permanent Supportive Housing projects will be utilized for a future funding round and leveraged with any other available funding.

The second round of housing bond funding for rental production, rental rehabilitation, and single family production was released in February 2023, and proposals were due March 20, 2023. The second round of housing bond funding for these project categories will be presented to City

Council in June 2023.

ALTERNATIVES:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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