

Title

Authorizing the City to accept an award of \$50,838 from HUD's FY2022 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) competition; amending the Community Development Division's 2024 Adopted Operating Budget as appropriate; and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into agreements necessary to accept the funds.

Fiscal Note

On October 27, 2023, the City of Madison was awarded additional CoC planning grant funds from HUD (Grant #WI0284H5I032200), in the amount of \$50,838 annually for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026. This Resolution authorizes the acceptance, receipt and utilization of the first year's grant funds for 2024. CDD plans to incorporate the annual grant amounts for 2025 and 2026 into the development of its Operating Budget for each of those out-years.

Body**BACKGROUND**

As the Collaborative Applicant for the Madison/Dane County Continuum of Care (CoC), the City of Madison worked in conjunction with the CoC Board and community partners to seek funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunities. The CoC applied for and was awarded up to \$1.9 million of federal funds to support services for unsheltered households. The CoC Board selected Madison Street Medicine as the vendor to receive funding directly from HUD to hire an Outreach Coordinator, provide services at the Dairy Drive Campground and create a Rapid Re-housing program targeted to unsheltered households.

As part of the CoC's federal application for the Special NOFO, the City of Madison submitted an application seeking \$50,838 of federal funds to hire support staff for the Madison/Dane County Continuum of Care. The primary goal of the position is to support implementation of community-wide processes to manage and coordinate the efforts of local homeless providers and related organizations working to meet the goals to address unsheltered homelessness in Madison/Dane County Wisconsin.

Using funds awarded under a previous CoC funding opportunity, the Community Development Division (CDD) hired a CoC Coordinator in February 2017, and has received Federal funding to support the position since the initial award. Through a projected increase in the CoC Planning grant proposed by HUD in 2025 and the recently approved Unsheltered Special NOFO Planning grant, CDD will have sufficient funds to support a second LTE position (2025 through 2026) for the Madison/Dane County CoC. As with the first position, employment terms will be contingent upon HUD's approval of future grant renewals.

ACTION

WHEREAS, the City of Madison has long been integrally involved in local efforts to end and prevent unsheltered homelessness; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Madison is a member and active participant in the Madison/Dane County Continuum of Care; and,

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2023, the City received an annual award of \$50,838 for 2024-2026 in federal Continuum of Care planning funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support an additional Dane County/Madison Continuum (CoC) LTE position; and,

WHEREAS, the CoC staff facilitate and oversee the annual CoC Homeless Assistance Grant application processes, working with agencies submitting renewals and agencies reallocating funds, and also recruits new agencies to fill identified gaps in the local CoC; and,

WHEREAS, the CoC staff develop and oversee systematic program evaluations of CoC-funded programs and coordinates with City staff tasked with evaluating ESG-funded programs and other homeless services; and,

WHEREAS, the CoC staff also provides one-on-one technical assistance and facilitates contracting with outside technical experts as needed; and,

WHEREAS, the CoC staff manages the local CoC's response to City of Madison and Dane County Consolidated Plan processes, provides input to the Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, and provides guidance to City and County policy makers and elected officials around homeless issues; and,

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2023 the CDBG Committee reviewed and approved staff recommendations to accept the new CoC Special NOFO grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes the Mayor and the City Clerk to accept a \$50,838 Special NOFO grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and to execute a 2024 contract with HUD (renewable for 2025 and 2026), in a form approved by the City Attorney and Risk Manager, for the support of an additional Madison/Dane County Continuum of Care LTE position, to be located within the Community Development Division's CDBG Unit; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to accept future grant agreements, in a form approved by the City Attorney and Risk Manager, with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Continuum of Care Coordinator planning grant, subject to the receipt of each year's funds being appropriately recognized in Community Development Division's budget; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Council amends the Community Development Division's adopted 2024 Operating Budget to reflect the receipt of the additional CoC planning grant revenue and commensurate expenditures for the first year of the grant.