



Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Keith Stahley, City Manager

FROM: Josh Eggleston, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT:

Grant Agreement between the Housing Authority of the City of Salem and City of Salem for the Homeless Rental Assistance Program.

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Safe Community; Welcome and Livable Neighborhood

SUMMARY:

Salem is challenged with homelessness. An estimated 1,000-2,000 individuals are currently homeless in the Salem area, with approximately 500 of those falling into the most vulnerable and hardest to house category. Salem Housing Authority and the Salem City Council are committed to programs to help prevent and reduce homelessness by budgeting funds for Homeless Rental Assistance Program (HRAP).

ISSUE:

Shall the City Council approve the attached grant agreement between the Housing Authority of the City of Salem and the City of Salem for the City to provide \$630,000 for HRAP?

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached grant agreement between the Housing Authority of the City of Salem and the City of Salem for the City to provide \$630,000 for HRAP.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

This grant will allow the Housing Authority of the City of Salem to provide assistance to homeless

individuals through placement into appropriate transitional housing with a housing first model of case management support and wraparound services needed for successful tenancy.

Grant funds would also be expended for barrier removal funds. Examples include but are not limited to: security deposits, extraordinary damages, past due utility bills, basic household furnishings, transportation, document retrieval (driver's license, social security card, birth certificates, etc.), non-covered medical and mental health needs, employment and education readiness, legal aid assistance, and basic personal care items.

BACKGROUND:

HRAP was created in March 2017 in order to serve the most vulnerable and highest-risk homeless individuals through placement into appropriate transitional housing for up to one year with a self-sufficiency model of case management support and wraparound services needed for successful tenancy. Priority would be given to those most at-risk individuals as identified and scored through the data-driven vulnerability index known as the VI-SPADT, administered by the Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency.

Attachments:

1. Housing Authority of the City of Salem and City of Salem Grant Agreement.