

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: KELLI KUYKENDALL, HOMELESS SERVICES MANAGER
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF TWO GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH SONOMA
COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR
FUNDING OF OPERATIONS DURING THE COVID-19
PANDEMIC AT THE SAMUEL L. JONES HALL HOMELESS
SHELTER

AGENDA ACTION: CONSENT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Manager's Office that Council, by resolution, ratify two (2) grant agreements with the Sonoma County Community Development Commission for funding of operations during the COVID-19 pandemic at the Samuel L. Jones Hall Homeless Shelter in the combined total amount of \$1,041,757, including: 1) City of Santa Rosa Sam Jones Hall and Sam Jones Hall Annex Homeless Services Funding Grant Agreement Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$651,224; and 2) City of Santa Rosa Sam Jones Hall and Sam Jones Hall Annex Homeless Services Funding Grant Agreement Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$390,533.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This resolution will ratify two (2) grant agreements with the Sonoma County Community Development Commission for funding of operations during the COVID-19 pandemic at the Samuel L. Jones Hall (SJH) Homeless Shelter, which includes the SJH Annex, in the combined total amount of \$1,041,757. On June 23, 2021 and again on July 21, 2021, the Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC) approved \$651,224 and \$390,533, respectively, to the City for funding of operations during the COVID-19 pandemic at SJH, specifically related to coronavirus prevention and social distancing. Execution of the grant agreements by the City Manager was expedited at the request of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission (lead agency for the CoC) in order to meet State Emergency Solutions Grant coronavirus funding (ESG-CV) expenditure requirements and to secure these funds for the City. The \$1,041,757 will reimburse the City's General Fund for shelter operational costs for the period March 13, 2020 to June 30, 2021, which will help offset the approximately \$2.6 million in General Fund used for the construction of the SJH Annex.

BACKGROUND

1. In March 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City and Catholic Charities reduced shelter capacity within the existing facility (SJH Homeless Shelter) by 60 beds in compliance with social distancing requirements and relocated at-risk shelter clients to a non-congregate shelter (NCS) site. The SJH Homeless Shelter has operated under strict COVID-19 prevention measures since that time.
2. In January 2021, the City completed construction of a new facility (SJH Annex) to restore shelter capacity by 60 beds to pre-COVID levels while maintaining social distancing requirements. The City invested approximately \$2.6 million in General Fund resources to construct the SJH Annex. Both facilities (SJH Homeless Shelter and SJH Annex) are co-located on the same property and operated as one consolidated program. Total capacity between the two facilities is 213 beds (153 beds SJH Homeless Shelter plus 60 beds SJH Annex).
3. Following restoration of shelter bed capacity with the completion of the SJH Annex and at the request of the Sandman Hotel (site of the NCS program), the NCS program concluded operations in June 2021.
4. The Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC) recently made available State Emergency Solutions Grant coronavirus funding (ESG-CV) for eligible homeless services, which need to be expended by July 31, 2021 (Round 1) and September 30, 2021 (Round 2). Staff submitted funding requests for both rounds of ESG-CV for SJH.
5. On June 23, 2021 and again on July 21, 2021, the CoC approved \$651,224 and \$390,533, respectively, to the City for funding of operations during the COVID-19 pandemic at SJH, specifically related to coronavirus prevention and social distancing. The combined total amount is \$1,041,757, secured by two (2) separate grant agreements.
6. Execution of the grant agreements by the City Manager was expedited at the request of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission (lead agency for the CoC) in order to meet ESG-CV expenditure requirements and to secure these funds for the City.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

Not applicable.

ANALYSIS

1. The \$1,041,757 will reimburse the City's General Fund for shelter operational costs for the period March 13, 2020 to June 30, 2021, which will help offset the

approximately \$2.6 million in General Fund used for the construction of the SJH Annex.

2. Staff requests Council ratification of the grant agreements with the Sonoma County Community Development Commission for funding of operations during the COVID-19 pandemic at SJH in the combined total amount of \$1,041,757.

FISCAL IMPACT

The \$1,041,757 in ESG-CV funding from the CoC will reimburse the City's General Fund for shelter operational costs for the period March 13, 2020 to June 30, 2021, which will help offset the approximately \$2.6 million in General Fund used for the construction of the SJH Annex.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution
 - Exhibit A (City of Santa Rosa Sam Jones Hall and Sam Jones Hall Annex Homeless Services Funding Grant Agreement Fiscal Year 2020-2021, \$651,224)
 - Exhibit B (City of Santa Rosa Sam Jones Hall and Sam Jones Hall Annex Homeless Services Funding Grant Agreement Fiscal Year 2021-2022, \$390,533)

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