



Legislation Text

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ACTION REQUESTED:

Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Heart of Illinois Homeless Continuum of Care (HOIHCOC) for the Funding Allocation of the 2017-2018 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) to Specified Agencies.

BACKGROUND: On Tuesday, September 22, 2015 (Item # 15-317) City Council approved a request from the HOIHCOC to be the entity to review applications and make ESG funding recommendations to City Council. On November 18, 2015 (Item # 15-395) City Council concurred with the HOIHCOC recommendation for 2015 and 2016 grant funds committed to programs for the 2016 and 2017 calendar year. The 2016/17 contracts with specific agencies will expire on December 31, 2017.

The City received a 2017 ESG grant of \$137,451.00 in October 2017. Of the available seven and a half (7.5) percent allowable for administrative costs, the City reserved approximately seven (7) percent, leaving approximately ninety three (93) percent, or \$127,751 to be granted to agencies for eligible homeless service programs.

In September 2017, City Staff released a notice of the availability of these funds and requested letters of intent to be sent to the HOIHCOC Governing Board. These requests were reviewed by the Board and programs were evaluated according to past performance and outcomes, primarily looking at a program's success in getting clients into permanent housing (i.e. ending their situation of homelessness). A recommendation was then formulated and approved by the Board based on these considerations. Please see the attached recommendation from the Governing Board Chair as well as the notice of funding availability (FA) and blank letter of intent for reference.

The recommended funding allocation is as follows:

| Agency | Program | Recommended Funding | % of Total Grant |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------------|------------------|
| Center for Prevention of Abuse | Emergency Shelter for Families Made Homeless by Domestic Violence | \$21,000 | 16.44% |
| Dream Center Peoria | Emergency Interim Shelter | \$27,650 | 21.64% |
| Peoria Salvation Army | Family Shelter | \$11,250 | 8.81% |
| Peoria Salvation Army | Safety Net Interim Shelter | \$17,250 | 13.50% |
| South Side Office of Concern | Rapid Re-housing Program | \$50,601 | 39.61% |

If approved, the City will enter into 2-year grant contracts with the above agencies in order to execute these programs. The contracts will commit the specified amounts of 2017 City ESG funds toward programming in the 2018 calendar year and the above specified percentage of 2018 City ESG funds toward programming in the 2019 calendar year, contingent on the City's receipt of a 2018 ESG grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

FINANCIAL IMPACT: \$127,751 of 2017 ESG funds will be contracted to local agencies and the specified percentages of the 2018 ESG grant will be contracted to these agencies as represented in the above table.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS: None at this time

IMPACT IF APPROVED: The City of Peoria in partnership with the HOIHCOC will continue to work toward the goal of ending homelessness in our community.

IMPACT IF DENIED: 2017 and 2018 City ESG grant funds will not be allocated to support programming at the above agencies and new direction for the distribution of these grant funds will need to be established.

ALTERNATIVES: None identified at this time.

EEO CERTIFICATION NUMBER:

| Agency | EEO Number | Expiration |
|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Center for Prevention of Abuse | 00697-171231 | 12/31/2017 |
| Dream Center Peoria | 03015-180630 | 06/30/2018 |
| Peoria Salvation Army | 00815-180630 | 06/30/2018 |
| South Side Office of Concern | 00706-180630 | 6/30/2018 |

WHICH OF THE GOALS IDENTIFIED IN THE COUNCIL'S 2014 - 2029 STRATEGIC PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION ADVANCE?

1. Financially Sound City Government, Effective City Organization
2. Attractive Neighborhoods with Character: Safe and Livable
3. Choose an item.

WHICH CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTOR(S) FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION IMPLEMENT?

1. Have an efficient government.
2. Reinvest in neighborhoods.
3. Reduce crime.

DEPARTMENT: Community Development