



City of Oceanside

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Staff Report

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Housing and Neighborhood Services Department

TITLE: ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF ADDITIONAL GRANT AWARD FROM THE REGIONAL TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS (RTFH) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$106,500 FOR HOMELESS DIVERSION STRATEGIES RELATED SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council accept and appropriate a grant award from the Regional Task Force on Homelessness (RTFH) in the amount of \$106,500 to support the City's Homeless Diversion Services.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The Regional Task Force on Homelessness (RTFH) serves as the primary agency for the San Diego Continuum of Care (CoC) and allocates regional and state funding to local jurisdictions. On October 2, 2023, RTFH issued a Super Notice of Funding Opportunity (SNOFO) that presented various funding opportunities from different sources under one competitive application process. The SNOFO prioritized funding that aligns with the Regional Community Action Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in the San Diego Region. The overall objective of the SNOFO was to fund programs that enhance access to housing, promote housing retention, ensure equitable service delivery, and include individuals with lived experience.

Following the competitive application process, RTFH awarded 28 contracts totaling over \$9.8 million across the region. The City of Oceanside received \$421,473 for diversion activities, which funds the Oceanside Housing Authority's (OHA) Social Workers. Additionally, the City received \$383,000 for the Safe Parking Program, which will continue until December 31, 2025. An extension of the Safe Parking Program is anticipated and will soon be scheduled for City Council consideration. These funds also support the continuation of diversion and housing-focused activities provided by the Housing and Neighborhood Services Department in collaboration with Interfaith Community Services (ICS). Housing and Neighborhood Services originally received \$90,000 in Resolution Strategies in grant funds from RTFH to augment services and programs.

Resolution Strategies funding is not a standalone program, but a flexible funding resource utilized to support existing programs serving our residents experiencing homelessness. Resolution Strategies funds support the ongoing diversion and housing-focused activities provided by the partnering service providers who have partnered with the Housing and Neighborhood Services Department

(HNSD). The City functions as a passthrough agent to streamline access to flexible funding. The Housing and Neighborhood Services Department leverages the contracted services with ICS contracted social workers embedded within the Oceanside Housing Authority (OHA) to deliver services such as housing navigation, diversion, income stabilization, and coordination with regional service providers. These functions were previously supported by Housing Homelessness Assistance Program HHAP funding and have been continued under the SNOFO award.

Oceanside-operated Resolution Strategies funding focuses on streamlining funding so that households at imminent risk of entering shelter or sleeping unsheltered avoid or remain outside the homeless services system through targeted support, known as diversion. Resolution Strategies funding is utilized in conjunction with a housing problem-solving framework that pairs trained diversion practitioners with financial assistance to reduce the inflow into the homeless crisis response system. It focuses on identifying safe, immediate alternatives to entering the homeless system, including mediation with family or friends, conflict resolution, resource mapping, and exploring temporary or permanent housing options. Resolution Strategies funding to support rental assistance can be utilized for various expenses, such as rental application fees, transportation, utility deposits, moving expenses, employment-related costs, vehicle repairs, temporary lodging, and deposits for permanent housing.

With its \$90,000 Resolution Strategies received in 2024, HNSD successfully supported and housed 36 individuals/33 households, with an average expenditure of approximately \$2,500 per household. With demonstrated success in utilizing available resources efficiently, the RTFH recently awarded the City an additional \$106,500 in Resolution Strategies funding. The City will continue to serve as a pass-through agent for partnering agencies to access Resolution Strategies funding and provide flexible financial assistance to households experiencing homelessness. This support will enable them to achieve rapid housing stability with limited and targeted assistance.

FISCAL IMPACT

The following grant amounts will be deposited and appropriated to the Y1 Resolution Strategies account.

Revenue 836194523272.4376 \$106,500

Expenditure 836194523272.5355 \$106,500

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

The Housing Commission previously reviewed and approved the underlying program actions on June 25, 2024. The current item reflects the addition of funds to an already approved action and does not require further Commission review.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Staff Report
2. Resolution Strategies Award Letter