

HOMELESS COORDINATING COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM

HOMELESS SHELTER CITIES MITIGATION PROGRAM – GRANT ELIGIBILITY

MEETING DATE: November 14, 2018

SUBJECT: Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Grant Program

SUBMITTED BY: Housing and Community Development (HCD)

SUMMARY:

SB235 creates the Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Account. It requires the State Tax Commission to withhold local sales tax option from non-exempted local governments to fund the account on an ongoing basis to provide funding to eligible municipalities.

Additionally, SB235 creates a grant opportunity with the remaining funding for eligible cities and the Department of Public Safety. There are three distinct purposes of funding for the grant eligible entities:

1. Develop a community and neighborhood program
2. Provide social services
3. Employ additional personnel to provide public safety services

Estimates have been provided by the Tax Commission and it is anticipated the funding available for the grant program in FY20 to be \$605,000. Two proposals for the grant program were received and total \$1,402,382.

The RFP required a narrative and budget for each funding purpose. The narrative included responses for funding gap, leveraging, reporting measures, outcomes, type of project, and budget. Both proposals were received by the due date and meet the minimum qualifications for funding FY20 contracts.

1. Ogden City Corporation
 - Requested amount: \$1,236,134
 - Project type: Personnel for public safety services in and around a homeless shelter
 - Purpose: Salary, fringe and equipment (including cars) for 9 police officers, salary and fringe for 3 firefighters.
2. Salt Lake City Corporation
 - Requested amount: \$207,564

- Project type: Development of a community and neighborhood program and provision of social services
- Purpose: Pilot program to develop a city government response process to address neighborhood issues and anticipate and mitigate situations before they arise as community problems. The program creates a partnership between Salt Lake City, Shelter the Homeless and Volunteers of America with a focus on community engagement and street outreach.

SHCC RECOMMENDATIONS:

Due to grant funding requests totaling \$1,402,382 and being significantly greater than the estimated available amount of \$605,000, SHCC recommend funding four (4) positions in Ogden City Corporation, and three (3) positions for the Salt Lake City Corporation proposal, as outlined:

1. Ogden City Corporation

- Recommended funding amount: \$398,273
 - 3 police (salary, fringe and equipment): \$334,770
 - 1 firefighter (salary and fringe): \$63,502

2. Salt Lake City Corporation

- Recommended funding amount (the estimated amount remaining after funding 4 Ogden positions): \$206,727
- The recommended funding amount is \$837 less than the proposed request of \$207,564. Based on this reduction, the following amounts will need to be negotiated and adjusted with HCD:
 - 1 FTE for Salt Lake City: \$73,513
 - 1 FTE for Shelter the Homeless Community Response Coordinator: \$74,990
 - 1 FTE for VOA Homeless Outreach Case Manager: \$59,061

As mentioned, the amounts given to HCD by the Tax Commission for the Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation municipal entity and grant programs are estimates. All funding amounts are contingent on the final tax revenue collected.

If it is determined that the final amount deposited into the Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation account will be more than the estimates given, HCD requests authority to fund up to the maximum amount allowable and to allocate any additional funding to Ogden City Corporation.

If less funding is received in the account than estimated, HCD requests authority to adjust all contracts associated with the Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation program proportionally.

HCD requests authority to adjust contract amounts and individual line item expenses on budgets with the agencies as necessary.