



DATE: January 23, 2024

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Accepting and Appropriating \$487,981 in Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Funding to Support Hayward Navigation Center Operations

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopts a resolution (Attachment II) authorizing the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$487,981 in California Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funding awarded to the City by Alameda County to support housing and respite services for individuals experiencing homelessness provided by the Hayward Navigation Center.

SUMMARY

Beginning in fiscal year 2022, the City has received California state Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funding through a subrecipient agreement with Alameda County. The agreement supports the Hayward Navigation Center (HNC) and requires the City to allocate 16 beds at the HNC via the County's Coordinated Entry System (CES). The initial agreement awarded \$589,391 in funding for fiscal years 2020 through 2022. In August 2022, the contract term was extended through fiscal year 2023 with no additional funding. In November 2023, a second amendment to the agreement extended the term of the contract until June 30, 2024, and increased the awarded amount by \$487,981, for a total not-to-exceed \$1,077,375. All HHAP funds are intended for HNC operations.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On July 13, 2021, the Hayward City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$589,391 in HHAP funding provided by the State of California's Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) through Alameda County ("the County").¹ The award was drawn from Rounds 1 and 2 of the HHAP funding allocated to the County.

¹ July 13, 2021 Hayward City Council Meeting:
<https://hayward.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6230209&GUID=B25EFB97-ADB4-45D7-BC5F-0BC0EE034F45>

HHAP is a state program consisting of four rounds of one-time block grant funding provided to counties and selected cities. The funding is intended to support regional coordination and development of local capacity to address homelessness, with a focus on moving individuals experiencing homelessness into permanent housing.

The City was awarded HHAP funding via a subrecipient agreement with the County for housing and respite services to be provided through the HNC. The City agreed to fill 16 beds at the HNC utilizing the County CES over the initial contract term of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2022. The CES is used by the County to prioritize, identify, and match homeless individuals with supportive services. Per the agreement, the City would provide reporting to the Alameda County Office of Homeless Care and Coordination (OHCC) to ensure compliance with HHAP goals and the terms of the subrecipient agreement. The agreement was amended in September 2022 to extend its term through June 30, 2023. This first amendment to the agreement did not include additional funding for the HNC.

On May 23, 2023, staff reported on HNC operations and funding and notified the Council that the County would award Rounds 3 and 4 of HHAP funding to the City to support continued operations at the Hayward Navigation Center.² The total award of \$487,981 consists of \$308,413 of the County's Round 3 allocation and \$179,568 of its Round 4 allocation. Staff advised they would return to Council for authorization to accept and appropriate the additional HHAP award once it became available.

On November 20, 2023, the City and the County executed an amendment to the existing subrecipient agreement, extending the term of the agreement through June 30, 2024, and increasing the award amount by \$487,981 for a total not-to-exceed \$1,077,375. Staff recommends that Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept and appropriate the \$487,981 in HHAP funding.

FISCAL IMPACT

Acceptance of Rounds 3 and 4 in HHAP funding has no impact on the General Fund. Funds will be appropriated into the Local Grants Fund and would support the operation of the HNC in conjunction with existing City and State funding.

STRATEGIC ROADMAP

This agenda item supports the Strategic Priority of Preserve, Protect, and Produce Housing, under Project H2: Continue to oversee the operations of the Navigation Center

PUBLIC CONTACT

² May 23, 2023 Hayward City Council Meeting:
<https://hayward.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6230209&GUID=B25EFB97-ADB4-45D7-BC5F-0BC0EE034F45>

This item is related to the Let's House Hayward (LHH) Strategic Plan, under Strategy 2.1, to Expand Housing-Focused Shelter Capacity through continued oversight and management of the Hayward Navigation Center. Through the LHH process, the City's consultant Homebase, City staff, and partners throughout the Hayward community, including those with lived experiences of homelessness, worked together to engage a diverse set of stakeholders to develop the plan.³

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³ For more information on the Let's House Hayward! Strategic Plan process, please visit <https://www.haywardca.gov/lets-house-hayward>