

REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Council District: Citywide

To: The Mayor
The Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer



Reference: Community Investment for Families Department transmittal dated September 13, 2022; Received by the City Administrative Officer on September 13, 2022; Additional information received through September 26, 2022

Subject: **REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT THE FAMILY HOMELESSNESS CHALLENGE GRANT AWARD OF \$3.5 MILLION FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the General Manager of the Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD), or designee, to:
 - a. Accept the 2022 Family Homelessness Challenge (FHC) grant award in the amount of \$3,526,239.61 from the State of California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) for the Survivors First Program;
 - b. Execute and return to Cal ICH the signed Contract No. 22-FHC-10006, with the required supporting documentation, subject to review by the City Attorney as to form and legality;
 - c. Execute any subsequent amendments to Contract No. 22-FHC-10006, subject to City Attorney review as to form and legality; and
 - d. Execute new contracts or amendments with CIFD's current domestic violence and human trafficking survivors service providers, subject to the review of the City Administrative Officer, review and approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, and compliance with the City's contracting requirements; and
 - e. Prepare Controller instructions or technical corrections as necessary to implement Mayor and Council intentions, subject to the approval of the City Administrative

Officer, and instruct the Controller to implement the instructions.

2. Approve the funding allocation of the FHC grant award to operate the Survivors First Program for the period retroactive to September 15, 2022 through March 31, 2027 as follows:

Program Costs	\$	3,349,927.63
Administrative Costs		176,311.98
Total	\$	3,526,239.61

3. Authorize the City Controller to:

- a. Record in the CIFD Miscellaneous Grants and Awards Fund No. 65G a receivable from the Cal ICH in the amount of \$3,526,239.61, create new accounts, and appropriate funds as follows:

Account	Account Name	Amount
21W220	FHC DV Shelters, Non-profit	\$ 3,349,927.63
21W121	Community Investment for Families	44,023.00
21W299	Reimbursement of General Fund Costs	29,561.00
21W221	FHC Administrative Reserve	102,727.98
	Total	\$ 3,526,239.61

- b. Increase appropriations in the amount of \$44,023 within the Community Investment for Families Department No. 100/21, Account No. 001010, Salaries General.

SUMMARY

The Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD) requests authority to accept the Family Homelessness Challenge (FHC) grant award of \$3,526,239.61 and execute a grant agreement with the State of California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) for a period starting on or around September 15, 2022 through March 31, 2027. The purpose of the FHC Grant Program is to provide competitive grants and technical assistance to local jurisdictions to promote rapid innovation and accelerate and expand promising programs and practices to create scalable solutions that can be shared across the state to address and ultimately end family homelessness. The FHC grant will provide funding to expand the Survivors First Program, which is operated by a network of non-profit service providers.

The Survivors First pilot program was launched in July 2021 with an allocation from the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CDBG-CV) of \$5 million to help survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual assault to quickly obtain safe and stable housing. Since its inception, this program has served approximately 830 adults and children (C.F. #20-1374). The FHC grant funds will increase available financial

assistance, expand allowable costs due to fewer grant restrictions, and add financial coaching services. The CIFD will request information from the existing service providers to evaluate their capacity to accommodate the service expansion for this program. The following table provides the current Survivors First program providers.

Survivors First Service Providers	
1.	1736 Family Crisis Center
2.	Center for the Pacific Asian Family (CPAF)
3.	Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Human Trafficking (CAST)
4.	Haven Hills, Inc.
5.	Jenesse Center, Inc.
6.	Jewish Family Service of LA
7.	Rainbow Services
8.	The People Concern

The FHC Grant Program allows grant recipients to utilize up to five percent of the total grant for administrative costs (\$176,311.98), while the remaining \$3,349,927.63 will be allocated for program costs. The CIFD also requests to execute new contracts with the existing service providers to expand the Survivors First Program. Each of the service providers will be eligible to request up to \$418,800, which can be used to retain and hire new staff, fund innovative ways to prevent homelessness in families fleeing domestic violence, human trafficking, or sexual assault while keeping them safe, fund interim sheltering, and expand rental assistance to assist in retaining or attaining safe, permanent housing. The CIFD will evaluate each service provider's proposal along with their current progress in program milestones and the status of their current funding allocation. Once this evaluation is completed, the CIFD will make recommendations for funding. Expansion of the Survivors First program through the new FHC grant will ensure that an additional 400 households will be able to retain or attain safe housing.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no impact to the General Fund. The proposed grant activities will be fully funded by the Family Homelessness Challenge Grant. No matching funds are required for this grant.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies.