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CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY™

May 15, 2013

Item No. 10

RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT AN AWARD AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND SUPPORT SERVICES, INCREASE THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET AND AMEND SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE A SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners ("Board") authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to accept a grant award and execute a grant agreement with the City of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services ("DFSS") in the amount of $866,800 for a Summer Youth Employment Program ("SYEP"), and to increase the FY 2013 comprehensive budget by the same amount. This grant award from DFSS can only be utilized to pay stipends for 1,400 youth workers. Therefore, it is further recommended that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to amend contracts with CHA's current Service Providers in an additional aggregate amount not-to-exceed $866,800 to implement and administer the DFSS SYEP.

CORPORATE GOAL

The proposed program supports CHA's corporate goals of investing in CHA youth by providing services and supports and empowering them for success in the global economy.

FUNDING SUMMARY

Grant Funds and General Fund

DFSS Grant Award (1,400 Youth Worker Stipends):	$ 866,800
CHA Match Funds (Program Administration):	$ 866,800
Total Cost for DFSS Summer Youth Employment Program:	**$1,733,600**

SECTION 3: (Compliance Pending)
(Section 3 only applicable to CHA Match Funds)

GENERAL BACKGROUND

In April 2013, CHA received notice of a grant award not-to-exceed $866,800 from DFSS to provide stipends for 1,400 youth and young adults ages 16-24 to participate in a SYEP. With funding from DFSS, the SYEP is being implemented as a part of One Summer Chicago 2013, which is a collaborative effort between the City of Chicago, Cook County and the civic and business communities to provide summer programming for youth. The DFSS grant agreement with DFSS stipulates that the grant funds may only be used for youth worker stipends.

Accordingly, CHA must match the grant funding from DFSS to cover the cost of program implementation and supervision of the youth participants. Specifically, CHA's Resident Services Division is seeking to authorize a total of $1,733,600 for the DFSS SYEP to be utilized as follows:

- The total $866,800 from the DFSS grant funds to pay stipends to 1,400 youth workers;

- Amend the following current Service Provider contracts in an aggregate amount not-to-exceed $866,800 to administer the SYEP:
  - Centers for New Horizons (Contract No. 9121)
  - Employment & Employer Services (Contract No. 9124)
  - Heartland Human Care Services (Contract No. 9122)
  - Holsten Real Estate Development Corporation (Contract No. 11204)
  - Metropolitan Family Services (Contract No. 9123)
  - Near West Side Community Development Corporation (Contract No. 11066)
  - Stateway Associates (Contract No. 11203)
  - Uhlich Children's Advantage Network (Contract No. 9126)

CHA's existing Service Providers are the only agencies that have established relationships with the target population and possess the requisite experience in providing similar youth summer workforce programs. These providers have been responsible for coordinating other similar grant-funded workforce programs for CHA youth since 2009.

The intention of the SYEP is to provide Chicago youth and young adults with safe, meaningful summer experiences, while learning valuable and transferable skills that connect life lessons and academic preparation, ultimately enhancing participants' long-term employment prospects. Youth workers will participate in a variety of employment opportunities, including, but not limited to, technology, "green" jobs, retail, and landscaping/gardening.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with all applicable Chicago Housing Authority board policies and all applicable federal (HUD) procurement laws.

The EVP of Resident Services concurs with the recommendation to accept and execute a grant agreement with DFSS in the amount of $866,800 for the SYEP and to amend existing Service Provider Contracts to implement and administer the DFSS SYEP.

The CEO/President recommends the approval to accept a grant award and execute a grant agreement with DFSS in the amount of $866,800 for the SYEP, and to increase the FY 2013 comprehensive budget by the same amount. This grant award from DFSS can only be utilized to pay stipends for 1,400 youth workers. Therefore, the CEO/President further recommends the approval to amend contracts with CHA's existing Service Providers in an additional aggregate amount not-to-exceed $866,800 to implement and administer the DFSS SYEP

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-CHA-36

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority has reviewed the Board Letter dated May 15, 2013, entitled "RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT AN AWARD AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND SUPPORT SERVICES, INCREASE THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET AND AMEND SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE A SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY

THAT the Board of Commissioners ("Board") authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to accept a grant award and execute a grant agreement with the City of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services ("DFSS") in the amount of $866,800 for a Summer Youth Employment Program, and to increase the FY 2013 comprehensive budget by the same amount. This grant award from DFSS can only be utilized to pay stipends for 1,400 youth workers. Therefore, it is further authorized that the Chief Executive Officer or his designee amend contracts with CHA's existing Service Providers in an additional aggregate amount not-to-exceed $866,800 to implement and administer the 2013 DFSS SYEP.

This award is subject to the Contractors' compliance with the CHA's MBE/WBE/DBE, Section 3 resident hiring, and insurance requirements.

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