September 15, 2020

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTRAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Presenter: Mary Howard, Chief Resident Services Officer

Recommendation
The Chief Executive Officer recommends that the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority (“CHA”) approve a Funding Agreement with the Central Advisory Council for a one-year term from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed $747,730. The funding amount is contingent on the Board’s approval of the CHA’s overall 2021 budget.

The requested action complies in all material respects with all applicable federal, state and local laws, and Chicago Housing Authority board policies. Staff have completed all necessary due diligence to support the submission of this initiative.

Funding
MTW Block Grant Funds

Background
A Funding Agreement between CHA and the CAC is required by HUD Regulations 24 CFR 964.150 (Funding Tenant Participation) for funding provided by a housing authority for a duly-elected resident council. The purpose of the CAC, as the elected jurisdiction-wide resident council for CHA residents, is to act as a vehicle for resident participation and to represent the interests of the residents of CHA family properties and senior buildings. The role of a resident council is to improve the quality of life and resident satisfaction, and to participate in self-help initiatives to create a positive living environment for families living in public housing (24 CFR 964.100). The Funding Agreement will be used to fund tenant participation activities (officer stipends, operating expenses, etc.) and operating expenses for sixteen CAC and Local Advisory Council (LAC) offices throughout Chicago.

Resident Councils are required by HUD Regulations CFR 964.130 (Election procedures and standards) to hold elections at least once every three years. Elections must be administered by Resident Councils and monitored by the PHA. The most recent election was conducted in September 2019.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Tracey Scott, Chief Executive Officer
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-CHA-

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority has reviewed the Board Letter dated September 15, 2020 entitled “Authorization to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Central Advisory Council”.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY:

THAT, the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or her designee to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Central Advisory Council for a base term from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed $747,730. The funding amount is contingent on the Board’s approval of the CHA’s overall 2021 budget.

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Angela Hurlock
Chairperson
Chicago Housing Authority