

**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM**

Petitioner: Timothy Burch, Administrator of Human Services

Recommendation:

Accept the renewal of award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Stability, Tenancy, Access, Restore Permanent Supportive Housing by Clark County Social Service to provide permanent supportive housing and critical supportive services to households experiencing homelessness; authorize the continuation of five (5) Family Services Specialists, one (1) Youth and Adult Intervention Specialist I/II, one (1) Senior Youth and Adult Intervention Specialist, one (1) Family Services Assistant, two (2) Part Time Hourly Management Assistants, and one (1) Financial Office Specialist, or equivalent positions, contingent upon award from HUD; authorize the creation of one (1) Office Assistant I/II or equivalent position, contingent upon award from HUD; authorize the Assistant Director of Social Service or their designee to sign the grant documents; and accept any grant funds awarded. (For possible action)

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund #:	2031.000	Fund Name:	County Grants
Fund Center:	1270111160	Funded PGM/Grant:	TBD
Amount:	\$ 1,798,473; Cash Match \$449,618.25		
Description:	STAR Permanent Supportive Housing Project		
Additional Comments:	Based on the most recent data for each metropolitan area, Fair Market Rents (FMR) generally rise and fall annually. As such, we expect the award amount to vary up to 10% each year based on the current FMR for our community, not the FMR for the year in which the application was submitted.		

BACKGROUND:

Clark County Social Service (CCSS) requests that the Board of County Commissioners accept the renewal of award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Stability, Tenancy, Access, Restore (STAR) Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program to provide supportive housing to households experiencing homelessness; authorize the continuation and creation of grant funded positions contingent upon award; authorize the Assistant Director of CCSS to sign all grant documents; and accept any grant funds awarded.

On January 29, 2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded \$2.5 billion to support local homeless assistance programs across the nation. Due to the pandemic, HUD was given congressional approval to renew 2019 CoC projects instead of hosting a 2020 CoC competition. The renewal amounts differ slightly from the previous award due to changes in local fair market rents (FMR).

Clark County Social Service (CCSS) has previously applied for the STAR PSH Project through the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care (CoC) consolidated grant application process which was submitted to

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HUD in 2019. The renewal award reflects an increase to FMR.

STAR PSH provides 105 units of housing and supportive services to Veterans and households experiencing chronic homelessness; highly vulnerable individuals, families, and transition age youth experiencing literal homelessness who have a mental illness or a co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorder; and highly vulnerable frequent users of high cost public systems such as jails and emergency rooms with PSH. Stable housing placement is provided in coordination with match and leveraged resources for intensive case management and supportive services to increase client success.

CCSS has been renewed for \$1,798,473 for twelve (12) months of services with a project term of December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022, and the grant includes annual renewal options through the local CoC process. STAR PSH will receive cash match resources of \$449,618.25 from the CCSS property tax revenue.

Of the total grant award \$956,498 is budgeted for personnel and fringe benefit costs for five (5) Family Services Specialists I/II (C27/28) to provide intensive case management, one (1) Youth and Adult Intervention Specialist I/II (C28/29) to serve as a Vocational Specialist, one (1) Senior Youth and Adult Intervention Specialist (C30) to oversee the day-to-day operations of the project, one (1) Family Services Assistant (C22) for life skills development and training, two (2) Part Time Hourly Management Assistants to serve as housing navigators, one (1) Office Assistant II (C21) to support daily administrative functions, and approximately 50% of the salary for one (1) Financial Office Specialist (C23) to process invoices and attend to fiscal requests. The Part Time Hourly Management Assistants, Office Assistant, and Financial Office Specialist positions may be shared with other HUD funded projects and the portion of their time spent working on another grant will be charged accordingly. The personnel and fringe benefits projection will increase annually as required with merit and/or cost of living increases. All of the above requested positions will not be filled until after the grant award has been received.

The item has been approved as to form by the District Attorney's office.