

STAFF REPORT*CITY OF OCEANSIDE*

DATE: August 17, 2011

TO: Chairman and Members of the Community Development Commission

FROM: Neighborhood Services Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$485,787 FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS PLUS AN ESTIMATED \$27,327 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AWARDED TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR THE SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM, AND APPROVAL TO APPROPRIATE THESE FUNDS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

SYNOPSIS

The Community Development Commission (CDC) has been awarded funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support 48 Family Unification Program (FUP) vouchers. Staff recommends that the Community Development Commission (CDC) accept the grant funds and appropriate approximately \$513,114 for Fiscal Year 2011-12 to the Section 8 Fund.

BACKGROUND

The CDC is currently administering the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program consisting of 1,313 vouchers. In addition, the CDC administers an additional 290 vouchers for families who have moved to Oceanside from other jurisdictions. The HCV program subsidizes low-income households by paying a portion of their rent directly to their landlord.

On June 20, 2011, the CDC received notification of the award of 48 FUP vouchers. The award is for one-year budget authority consisting of \$485,787 for Housing Assistance Payments, and administrative fees to be determined by HUD's standard formula. The vouchers are renewed annually.



ANALYSIS

Family Unification Program (FUP) vouchers are used to promote family unification of families for whom the lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in the separation, or the imminent separation, of children from their families or the delay in the discharge of the child, or children, to the family from out-of-home care. FUP vouchers will also be used for youths 18 to 21 years old who left foster care at age 16 or older and lack adequate housing.

The CDC has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services (CWS) Division. CWS will provide case management for at least six months to include assisting the families and youths to locate suitable housing, access resources and provide basic life skills counseling. Neighborhood Services Department staff will meet with CWS staff at least quarterly to ensure service coordination. Staff will assign one Housing Specialist to work with all FUP voucher participants.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant does not require matching funds. The cost of administering the vouchers will not exceed the total grant funds of \$513,114. Grant funds for Housing Assistance Payments in the amount of \$485,787 will be posted to account 923475200283.4392.0005. Grant funds for administrative fees for 2011-12 in the amount of \$27,327 will be posted to account 923475200283.4392.0005. Expenditures for the FUP vouchers will be posted to account 923475200283.5525.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

At its June 28, 2011 meeting, the Housing Commission unanimously recommended that the CDC accept funding for 48 new Family Unification Vouchers and appropriation of approximately \$513,114.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

Does not apply.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Community Development Commission (CDC) accept the funding and appropriate approximately \$513,114 for Fiscal Year 2011-12 to the Section 8 Fund.

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Attachment: Oceanside Housing Commission Report

OCEANSIDE HOUSING COMMISSION REPORT

TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
FROM: HOUSING COMMISSION
RE: ACCEPT FAMILY UNIFICATION VOUCHERS
DATE: JUNE 28, 2011

THE HOUSING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ACCEPT FUNDING FOR 48 NEW FAMILY UNIFICATION VOUCHERS AND APPROPRIATION OF APPROXIMATELY \$513,114.00

CAMP	YES
COOPER	YES
FARMER	YES
HUSKEY	ABSENT
MIKULAY	YES
MOORE	ABSENT
PARKER	YES
SAIZ	ABSENT
SORENSEN	ABSENT

