



**Approval to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County Ryan White Part A Program (Ordinance S-44722)**

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Maricopa County Ryan White Part A Program to receive up to \$2.5 million in grant funds over three years, and to disburse the additional funds for housing-related services to Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) contracted non-profit agencies by amending and increasing the amounts of existing contracts, not to exceed the value of the combined grant allocations. HOPWA contracted agencies are Southwest Behavioral and Health Services, Phoenix Shanti Group, and Area Agency on Aging HIV Care Directions. Authorization is also requested for the City Treasurer to accept and the City Controller to disburse the funds, once awarded. There is no impact to the General Fund.

**Summary**

The Housing Department is requesting approval to enter into an IGA with the Maricopa County Ryan White Part A Program to receive up to \$500,000 through February 2019, then renew for up to \$1 million each year for the following two years. These funds are made available through the Maricopa County Ryan White Part A Program's new initiative called Project Housing, HIV Health Outcomes, and Employment (HHHOME). Project HHHOME is an innovative, multi-pronged approach to addressing poverty, lack of education, unemployment, underemployment, homelessness, and other social determinants of health to promote long-term health and stability for People Living With HIV/AIDS.

There is a demonstrated need based on extensive waitlists for housing and services, and these funds will create additional housing units for eligible households. Eligible participants must be HIV/AIDS positive earning below 80 percent of Area Median Income and enrolled in the Ryan White Part A Program. The Ryan White Part A Program provides comprehensive case management, medical and supportive services.

The funding for this grant is passed through from the Arizona Department of Health Services Ryan White Part B - HIV/AIDS Assistance Program to improve services for people living with HIV in Maricopa and Pinal Counties. The IGA will be a cost

reimbursement agreement for allowable expenses related to housing eligible residents.

The City of Phoenix Housing Department will administer the funding through existing HOPWA contracts. HOPWA is a federal U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant program that addresses housing-related needs of low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Eligible uses of the funds align with existing HOPWA programs and contracts which include: rental subsidy for transitional housing for up to 24 months; housing case management; referrals to other case management services; Rapid Rehousing (hotel, extended stay); eviction prevention (rent or mortgage assistance) and deposit funds for utility assistance; wait list management and housing coordination; and administration costs up to 10 percent of the grant.

**Financial Impact**

There is no impact to the General Fund.

**Location**

HOPWA services are provided to residents in Maricopa and Pinal Counties.

**Concurrence/Previous Council Action**

This item was heard at the Sustainability, Housing, Efficiency and Neighborhoods Subcommittee on May 15, 2018 and approved by a vote of 3-0.

**Responsible Department**

This item is submitted by Deputy City Manager Deanna Jonovich and the Housing Department.