



May 13, 2015

Item No. 1

**RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD AND EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND SUPPORT SERVICES, AND INCREASE THE RESIDENT SERVICES BUDGET IN ORDER TO AMEND FAMILYWORKS PROVIDER CONTRACTS TO IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER 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: 1) accept a grant award and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services ("DFSS") in the amount of \$1,158,300 for the Summer Youth Employment Program ("SYEP"). This grant award from DFSS may only be utilized to pay wages for 2,100 youth workers; and 2) increase the Resident Services budget in order to amend contracts with CHA's current FamilyWorks providers in an additional aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$300,000 to implement and administer SYEP.

The Deputy Chief Housing Officer of Resident Services, the Office of the General Counsel and the Department of Procurement and Contracts have completed all necessary due diligence to support the submission of this initiative and recommend the approval of this item accordingly.

**CORPORATE GOAL**

The Summer Youth Employment Program supports CHA's corporate goal of empowering individuals for success in the global economy while providing targeted services to residents at critical milestones in their lives, while living in a safe, decent and sustainable housing portfolio.

**FUNDING**

CHA General Fund and Grant Funds

DFSS SYEP Grant Award (2,100 Youth Worker Wages):	\$ 1,158,300
CHA Funds (Program Implementation & Administration):	\$ 300,000

**COMPLIANCE INFORMATION**

Compliance is only applicable to CHA funds for program implementation and administration; compliance is not applicable to the grant award from DFSS that is used to fund wages for CHA youth. Compliance information will be determined and administered after the total number of SYEP slots and budget for all FamilyWorks agencies are finalized.

## **GENERAL BACKGROUND**

CHA participates in the One Summer Chicago initiative, which is a collaborative effort between the City of Chicago, Cook County and the civic and business communities, to provide summer programming for CHA youth. As a partner in One Summer Chicago, CHA will be providing paid academic enhancement and workforce development opportunities to 3,000 CHA youth in 2015.

For the past three years, as part of the One Summer Chicago initiative, CHA has collaborated with DFSS to provide paid summer opportunities to CHA youth through the SYEP program. In March 2015, CHA received notice of a grant award from DFSS in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,158,300, to provide wages for 2,100 youth and young adults (ages 16-24) to participate in SYEP. The DFSS grant stipulates that the funds may only be used for youth worker wages.

Based on past years, CHA anticipated receiving a grant award to administer SYEP for a total of 1,600 youth and included the funds needed to operate the SYEP program within the existing FamilyWorks contracts. However, in order to implement the additional 500 SYEP slots, CHA needs to increase the Resident Services budget in the amount of \$300,000 and use this funding to increase the contracts with CHA's current FamilyWorks providers.

CHA is seeking authorization for the following actions:

- Accept a grant award of \$1,158,300 from DFSS to pay wages to 2,100 CHA youth workers; and
- Increase the Resident Services budget in order to amend contracts with CHA's current FamilyWorks providers in an additional aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$300,000 to implement and administer SYEP. The 2015 FamilyWorks providers are:
  - Beacon Therapeutic School (Contract No. 11522)
  - Catholic Charities (Contract No. 11523)
  - Centers for New Horizons (Contract No. 11524)
  - Employment & Employer Services (Contract No. 11525)
  - Heartland Human Care Services (Contract No. 11526)
  - Holsten Real Estate Development Corporation (Contract No. 11527)
  - Metropolitan Family Services (Contract No. 11528)
  - Near West Side Community Development Corporation (Contract No. 11529)
  - UCAN (Contract No. 11530)

CHA's FamilyWorks providers were competitively procured in 2014 and SYEP was included as a component of their scope of work. FamilyWorks providers have existing relationships with the target population and possess the requisite experience needed to implement youth summer workforce programs. FamilyWorks providers have been responsible for coordinating SYEP and other similar grant-funded workforce programs for CHA youth since 2009. Individual contract amendment amounts will be determined by the capacity of each organization and the number of youth within their assigned regions.

The intention of 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. Participants receive ongoing job readiness instruction and career exploration integrated with a paid employment placement for 6 weeks. FamilyWorks providers match CHA youth with employers throughout Chicago, based on youth interest. Examples of industries from past years include food service, retail, administrative work, and technology.

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

The Deputy Chief Housing Officer of Resident Services concurs with the recommendation to accept a grant award and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with DFSS, and increase contracts with FamilyWorks providers to implement SYEP.

The CEO/President recommends the Board: 1) accept a grant award and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with DFSS in the amount of \$1,158,300 for a SYEP. This grant award from DFSS may only be utilized to pay wages for 2,100 youth workers; and 2) increase the Resident Services budget in order to amend contracts with CHA's current FamilyWorks providers in an additional aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$300,000 to implement and administer SYEP.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-CHA-36**

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the Board Letter dated May 13, 2015 entitled "RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD AND EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND SUPPORT SERVICES, AND INCREASE THE RESIDENT SERVICES BUDGET IN ORDER TO AMEND FAMILYWORKS PROVIDER CONTRACTS TO IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER A SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM."

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**THAT** the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to:

- 1) Accept a grant award and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services ("DFSS") in the amount of \$1,158,300 for the Summer Youth Employment Program ("SYEP"). This grant award from DFSS may only be utilized to pay wages for 2,100 youth workers; and 2) Increase the Resident Services budget in order to amend contracts with CHA's current FamilyWorks providers in an additional aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$300,000 to implement and administer SYEP.

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



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