

Policy Board. This memo outlines those recommendations and associated background information.

Background

On July 11, 2022, the H4HP released information about the HUD FY 2022 unsheltered competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and on August 1, 2022, released information about the general HUD CoC NOFO. On August 8, 2022 a combined local public solicitation of applications for both opportunities was released to stakeholders in Santa Cruz County via an email distribution list and public posting about the opportunity on the H4HP website. Virtual workshops were held on August 10th and 12th for interested applicants and recordings of the sessions were made available to interested parties unable to attend the sessions. Local funding applications were due on August 31, 2022 by 5 pm.

H4HP staff received renewal applications from all current grant recipients, one new unsheltered NOFO proposed application, two new domestic violence bonus rapid rehousing applications, a new permanent supportive housing bonus project application, and a new rapid rehousing bonus project application.

At the H4HP Policy Board meeting on August 17, 2022, the Board approved the formation of a subcommittee of 4-6 individuals to complete the local review process including at least one individual with lived experience of homelessness in the committee. The committee was formed and received instructions on how to rate and rank applications. The committee met on September 7th to review individual rankings and comments and to make final recommendations for action to the Policy Board. This memo contains those recommendations. **Attachment 4A1** summarizes the recommendations and grant amounts for each renewal project and proposed new projects.

Analysis

Subcommittee members received a briefing report on the availability of HUD FY2022 funding (Attachment 4A2) prior to completing their review. Committee members utilized a scoring rubric to rate and comment on project applications received. Ranking of renewal grants was conducted based on a structured scoring framework with opportunities for comments from subcommittee members. New project applications were independently rated and ranked by members with consolidated average scores tabulated by staff. In addition to this information, review committee members received background information on the spending patterns of current grant recipients.

Based on the spending information received, the committee learned that the Health Services Agency MATCH permanent supportive housing leasing program underspent their grant by close to \$300,000 in the prior grant year. Staff from the Health Services Agency reported challenges with spending leasing grant funds due to challenges securing leasing of units. Other permanent