



CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

City Council

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE:	April 29, 2025
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DEPARTMENT: **Housing and Neighborhood Development Department**

DIRECTOR or DESIGNEE: **Kevin DuBose**

AGENDA SUMMARY Resolution amending R-326-2024 which authorized the Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to award a total amount not to exceed \$1,768,642.00 in Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grant funds to six entities to support eight projects guided by the Coordinated Community Plan and ongoing collaboration with the Youth Action Board, in order to modify allocations to four of the entities, including the University of Tennessee, the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee, and the Office of Housing Stability.

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED All Districts

BACKGROUND

On August 6, 2024, Council approved the application for and acceptance of a Youth Homelessness Demonstration Grant ("YHDP") from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$1,768,642.00. Continuum of Care staff and partners collaborated with the Youth Action Board to create and release a Coordinated Community Plan and conducted a process to competitively award YHDP funds to local agencies (minus \$54,700 used for planning purposes during year one of the grant). On November 26, 2024, by Resolution No. R-326-2024, Council approved sub-grant awards to support eight projects guided by the Coordinate Community Plan. The sub-grant awards were approved for the following agencies for the amounts shown:

CAC - \$856,983.20 - Transitional housing/rapid rehousing for youth
CAC - \$206,340.00 - Supportive services and navigation for youth
CAC - \$15,662.00 - Planning funds to compensate YAB members for their work
My Daughter's Journey - \$223,026.40 - Transitional housing/rapid rehousing for youth
A Closer Walk - \$126,090.40 - Transitional housing/rapid rehousing for youth
Knox Pride - \$128,450.00 - Supportive services and navigation for youth
UT - \$111,592.00 - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
Office of Housing Stability - \$105,498.00 - YHDP Administration

Due to unexpected increases in staffing costs for University of Tennessee employees, it is necessary to amend these awards by moving \$30,000.00 from the amount allocated for the Office of Housing Stability to the allocation for the University of Tennessee. The new subgrantee allocations will be: \$70,498.00 to the Office of Housing Stability for YHDP Administration; and \$141,592.00 to the University of Tennessee for Homeless Management Information System support for new projects.

In addition, the partnership between the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee and A Closer Walk for the purposes of YHDP has been discontinued due to a lack of alignment between A Closer Walk's programs and YHDP desired outcomes, therefore it is necessary to move the \$126,090.40 allocation made to A Closer Walk to CAC for transitional housing/rapid rehousing for youth, increasing the CAC agreement to \$983,073.60.

ESTIMATED PROJECT SCHEDULE Thirty-month contract beginning on December 1, 2024 and ending on May 31, 2027.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW Approval to receive the YHDP funds from HUD was adopted by Council on August 6, 2024 by R-216-2024. Approval to award sub-grants in a total amount not to exceed \$1,768,642.00 in YHDP funds to support eight projects was approved on November 26, 2024 by R-326-2024.

FISCAL INFORMATION The total grant amount is \$1,768,642.00, to be charged to the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Development budget.