

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 18, 2008

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER *J*

SUBJECT: ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD RENEWAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL SERVICES TO MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE CONSUMERS

ISSUE: Consideration of a grant application renewal by the Alexandria Community Services Board (CSB) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to continue to provide residential services to mental health and substance abuse consumers.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council authorize the City Manager to

- (1) Submit FY 2009 grant applications to HUD (due date to be determined), for \$259,605; and
- (2) Execute all documents that may be required.

BACKGROUND: On an annual basis, the Alexandria CSB applies for HUD renewal funds. The Alexandria CSB will be applying for HUD funding for three projects, all serving individuals who are homeless and have a substance use disorder, or a serious mental illness. These projects are Aspen Street, Windsor Avenue, and Notabene Drive. In total, these three locations provide residential services to 21 residents.

The Aspen Street Project serves four consumers with a co-occurring mental health and substance use disorder in a three bedroom townhouse. This project uses HUD funds which it has received since 1988, to provide supportive housing services. HUD provides the ASP with \$ 29,814 annually, which partially funds personnel costs for 1.95 FTEs and a portion of the project's non-personnel costs.

The Windsor Avenue Project is the Men's Transitional Recovery Home for homeless men recovering from substance use disorders. This group home serves up to seven residents. HUD funding began in 1995. The Windsor Avenue Group Home receives \$98,150 in HUD revenues

annually, which partially funds personnel costs for 1.8 FTEs and a portion of the project's non-personnel costs.

The Notabene Drive Project provides permanent housing and support services to ten residents in a 10 unit apartment building. Funding has been awarded since 1995 for this project, and \$131,641 is received annually. The grant partially funds 1.45 FTEs and a portion of the project's non-personnel costs.

RENEWAL GRANT PERIOD: July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT: HUD revenues in the amount of \$259,605, and required cash match of \$53,721 are included in the FY 2009 Approved City Budget. The grant is used to partially fund 5.2 FTE existing Residential Counselors, and some non-personnel expenditures for the three projects. If the HUD grants were not renewed, the CSB would re-evaluate existing services and eliminate the lowest priority services.

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