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To Whom It May Concern:

The City and County of San Francisco through a partnership between the Departments of Public Health (DPH) and Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) wishes to express its intent to participate in the Governor's One Time Housing Funds for Whole Person Care (WPC) pilot programs.

San Francisco is well-positioned to implement the one-time housing funds. Infrastructure exists for understanding the community's needs and for monitoring and deploying limited housing resources.

The target population of the SF county WPC pilot project is all adults experiencing homelessness who are also SF Medi-Cal beneficiaries (~10,000 annually). Many (~1000) have been homeless for several years and present with multiple diagnoses of medical, psychiatric, and substance use conditions. Their health needs are complex, and they have the potential to become high utilizers of multiple service delivery systems (HUMS).

SF follows "Housing First" principles as defined by the California Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 8255-8256. This recognizes the importance of stabilizing in permanent housing with ancillary support services along with connection to healthcare. Coordinated Entry assessment interviews result in a priority pool which has been identified as a shared priority between HSH and DPH. SF has been able to place approximately 1,000 priority status individuals into housing each year using the coordinated entry process. However, SF does not have sufficient housing units available to meet the needs of priority clients, and is far from meeting the housing needs of all homeless persons.

At an estimated \$2000/month per person, these funds would provide housing subsidies or lease payments, stabilization housing placements, or new leased or permanent supportive housing in the pipeline for units that do not have a current subsidy attached, therefore, no existing funding will be supplanted. An estimated total served is 55-65 individuals a month through the end of the grant period.

Housing Subsidies and Lease Payments will total \$6,959,177 over five years. Staffing costs for 1.0 FTE Program Support Analyst will total \$739,246 over four years. Indirect costs will be 5% of the grant budget and will total \$431,636 over five years. HSH will follow the San Francisco Board of Supervisors approved Procurement process to identify qualified sub-recipient provider(s) on or before the receipt of funds.

As the lead entity for SF WPC, DPH designates partner agency HSH as the point of contact to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for the One Time Housing Funds allocation.

For any follow-up questions for DPH please contact WPC Operations Manager Kiersten Robertson (kiersten.robertson@sfdph.org, 415.255.3669) and for HSH, please contact Care Coordination Services Manager, Dara Papo (dara.papo@sfgov.org, 415.355.5313)

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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