

STAFF REPORT

Date: April 24, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of a grant award from United Healthcare Plan of Nevada to support the Rental and Deposit Assistance Program in the amount of \$50,000 for interim hotel assistance.

From: Ciera Lindsay, Management Assistant

Department: City Manager's Office – Housing & Neighborhood Development

Summary:

United Healthcare Plan of Nevada is committed to building healthier communities across Nevada in collaboration with partners, providers, community leaders, and members. One focus area is advancing health equity by addressing social drivers, such as housing. United Healthcare Plan of Nevada has awarded the City of Reno \$50,000 to assist rental and/or deposit assistance recipients with interim hotel assistance when there is a gap between rental agreements. This helps improve housing stability by bridging the gap to avoid periods of homelessness. Staff recommends Council accept the grant award from United Healthcare Plan of Nevada.

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?		X
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?		X
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?		X
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	0%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Economic Opportunity, Homelessness, and Affordable Housing

Previous Council Action:

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

Background:

The Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND) Department's Rental and Deposit Assistance Program provides short-term rental assistance (up to three months) and security deposit assistance. Eligible households are those experiencing or at risk of homelessness and are at or below 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI). This award would supplement the current program to assist recipients with interim hotel assistance when there is a gap between rental agreements.

Discussion:

HAND staff recently identified and applied for a grant opportunity through the United Healthcare Plan of Nevada. Staff were subsequently notified that the City of Reno was awarded \$50,000 to assist rental and/or deposit assistance recipients with interim hotel assistance.

HAND previously operated a similar program, which assisted 37 households with 468 nights of hotel stays. This funding will provide households in similar situations with housing stability.

Financial Implications:

This grant does not require a match. No financial implications.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council accept the grant award from United Healthcare Plan of Nevada to the City of Reno to support the Rental and Deposit Assistance Program in the amount of \$50,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary documents.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

Program Funding Agreement