

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 in the amount of \$15,000 to further support the Reno Works + Program.

From: Elaine Wiseman, Housing Manager

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 \$15,000 to further support the Reno Works + Program (Reno Works), a 12-week work program for homeless individuals. The proposed funding is intended to support various costs associated with helping the participants gain valuable work skills, as well as obtain permanent housing. 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?	.0001%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Economic Opportunity, Homelessness, and Affordable Housing

Previous Council Action:

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

Background:

Reno Works is a 12-week workforce development partnership program between the City of Reno and Volunteers of America Northern California and Northern Nevada (VOA). Established in 2015, Reno Works was designed specifically to empower individuals experiencing homelessness by providing them with essential workforce development skills. By recruiting individuals who are unstably housed, Reno Works offers a range of supportive services, including temporary employment, skills training, long-term employment support, wrap-around case management, and housing placement and assistance.

Since the inception of the program, Reno Works has been funded by the City of Reno (General Fund), as well as charitable donations made to VOA specifically for the program.

Discussion:

Housing and Neighborhood Development (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 \$15,000 to further support the Reno Works + Program.

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 Reno Works + Program in the amount of \$15,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary documents.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

Reno Works Funding Agreement