



TACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 2012-9-26 (4)

DATE: September 26, 2012
TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Michael Mirra, Executive Director
RE: Pierce County Special Program Housing Contract—Youth and Young Adults

Background

THA's 2012 Moving to Work Plan included an activity to allow THA to develop a regional approach for administering its special purpose housing programs. Under this activity:

THA would be allowed to use the competitive funding process established by the local government jurisdiction (Pierce County Consortium) to award THA funds/resources for sponsor based housing. THA would commit MTW dollars and or housing units to be awarded through the locally established funding cycle. This would allow THA to "pool" resources with the local jurisdiction to meet the local needs as prioritized through city and or county planning process. THA would ensure that grantees serve households below 80% AMI and would establish mandatory reporting and audit guidelines to monitor the success of the program. THA would have an audit system in place to ensure compliance with rules and regulations including PIH Notice 2011-45.

This resolution will allow THA to use this MTW flexibility to contract with Pierce County's Community Connections division. This contract will serve young adults (ages 18-24) who are unaccompanied by a parent or guardian and are without shelter where appropriate care and supervision are available, whose parent or legal guardian is unable or unwilling to provide shelter and care, or who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. Each young adult must show some evidence that they can successfully live independently. Short term rental assistance will be provided for at least 20 young adults. The program will provide up to \$500 per month per youth or young adult for up to 24 months.

Other City, County, State and Federal funds that are received by Pierce County will be used for supportive services and administrative support needed to administer this contract. All THA funds will be used for rental assistance.

Pierce County Community Connections and its subgrantees will report on the following outcomes for households served by this contract:

- Changes in household income for all household members; and
- Changes in household earned income for all household members; and
- Housing status at three, six, and twelve months after assistance ends.

THA will use these outcomes to measure its success in using Moving to Work flexibility to meet its three MTW statutory objectives. The goal is to increase housing choice for homeless youth and young adults in Tacoma and to help them prosper..

THA also hopes to realize increased administrative efficiency by using Pierce County's existing processes to procure service providers and administer and oversee these housing dollars.

We also hope to see an increase in the number of households that can be served with THA's rental assistance by offering shorter term, shallower subsidies to these youth and young adults.

Recommendation

Approve Resolution 2012-9-26 (4) authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with Pierce County in the amount of \$187,500 for the purpose of providing rental assistance to homeless unaccompanied youth and young adults.



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WHEREAS, Tacoma Housing Authority (THA) has an approve Moving to Work (MTW) activity allowing it to use a regional approach for administering its special purpose housing programs ;

WHEREAS, Pierce County has been selected as the entity to oversee some of THA's special programs, select qualified service providers to administer the programs, and comply with all State and Federal regulations connected with THA's Moving to Work funds;

WHEREAS, Pierce County has conducted a competitive process and selected qualified service providers to administer these funds for rental assistance for homeless unaccompanied youth and young adults;

WHEREAS, this contract is intended to provide rental assistance for at least 20 homeless unaccompanied youth and young adults each year;

WHEREAS, this contract will have a term of October 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013 and may be extended for one year terms upon mutual agreement by Pierce County and THA;

WHEREAS, the contract amount exceeds the \$100,000 spending limit for the Executive Director.

Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City Of Tacoma, Washington, that:

1. Authorizes Executive Director be authorized and directed to execute a contract with Pierce County in the amount of \$187,500 for the purpose of providing rental assistance to homeless unaccompanied youth and young adults.

Approved: September 26, 2012


Janis Flauding, Chair