

## City of Norman, OK

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## **Legislation Text**

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CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF A 2016 CONTINUUM OF CARE PLANNING GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,015 TO BE USED FOR THE COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES RELATED TO HOMELESSNESS; APPROVAL OF CONTRACT K-1617-124; AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND BALANCE.

**BACKGROUND**: As a component of the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Fiscal Year 2016 for the Continuum of Care Program Competition, Collaborative Applicants were allocated by formula a Planning Grant for Homeless Activities. The City of Norman, as the designated Collaborative Applicant for the Cleveland County Continuum of Care (OK504) was allocated \$12,015. Nation-wide, the Continuum of Care Competition funds approximately \$1.7 billion for assisting sheltered and unsheltered homeless people by providing the housing and/or services needed to help individuals move into transitional or permanent housing, with the goal of long term stability. Homeless service agencies within the Cleveland County Continuum of Care receive over \$450,000 annually from the Continuum of Care NOFA. This awarded funding is contracted between the agency receiving the award and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**DISCUSSION**: In the 2016 competition, the City of Norman was awarded this Planning Grant in the amount of \$12,015. The application indicated that if awarded, the funds would be utilized for general planning and coordination of activities related to homelessness whether performed by the City of Norman or by contract with a qualified consultant. As stated in the application for funding, in addition to the reimbursement of staff costs, the funds may also be utilized to provide training opportunities that would benefit the Continuum of Care. This grant will be administered on a reimbursement basis.

**RECOMMENDATION**: Staff recommends acceptance of the grant from the Housing and Urban Development and approval and execution of contract K-1617-124 in the amount of \$12,015 with funds to be appropriated from the Community Development Fund Balance (account 021-0000-253.20-00) to COC Planning Grant (account 021-4090-463.20-01 - Full-Time) for this purpose. Upon reimbursement, the funds will be deposited into Revenue-COC Planning Grant (account 021-0000-331.13-85).