

**FORMAL AGENDA ITEM****COUNCIL MEETING DATE:** September 4, 2009**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council**VIA:** Penelope Culbreth-Graft, *Nancy Johnson for cm* CPA - City Manager

**FROM:** Nancy Johnson, Assistant City Manager *Nancy Johnson*  
 Lisa Bigelow, Director Economic Development *LB*  
 Valorie Jordan, Manager Housing and Community Development *VJB*

**Subject Title: A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Contract with the State Division of Local Affairs to administer Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Grant Program Funds totaling \$795,668.**

**SUMMARY:**

The City of Colorado Springs received \$1,043,089 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)- Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Grant Program (HPRP). The State of Colorado through the Department of Local Affairs also received funding under this grant. The State of Colorado requested proposals for the administration of this funding from the three continua of care entities in the State (Metro Denver Homeless Initiative, Homeward Pikes Peak and Balance of State). Homeward Pikes Peak requested that the City submit an application to administer the funds for the Pikes Peak Region. This additional funding will enable the community to provide additional homeless prevention and rapid re-housing services outside of the city limits. The total amount available for this program is \$795,668.

The funding will be utilized for services to families/individuals requiring assistance that reside outside the city limits. There are three agencies in the community that have systems in place and presently serve residents outside the city limits: Pikes Peak Community Action Agency; Tri-Lakes Cares and the Salvation Army.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:**

None as this is new funding.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Housing and Community Development Division serves as the conduit for funding received by the City from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Division partners with eligible entities to implement programs and activities that meet the federal guidelines in the community. All recovery act funding will be tracked in a different manner and have a different set of guidelines, however with the experience and level of collaboration that exists in this community there is no doubt that the funds will be expended in a judicious and effective manner.

The Housing Development Division continues to work closely with Homeward Pikes Peak in the development and management of the Continuum of Care program for Colorado Springs. The Division has the systems in place and the experience in direct grant control that Homeward Pikes Peak does not have at this time. The Division agreed to provide administration and oversight for this program due to the stringent reporting requirements, staff time and monitoring required for this program

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The City will enter into contract with the State but no City funds will be utilized for this program.

**BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

**STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:**

The State of Colorado provided information on their website regarding this program. Once approved, the Housing Development Division will provide updated information on the city website.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The City could deny the acceptance of the funding and the money can be returned to the State of Colorado.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into contract with the State Division of Local Affairs for the administration of the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program Grant (HPRP) totaling \$795,668.

c: Assistant City Manager  
Public Communications

**List of attachments for this item:**

**Grant Resolution**

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE STATE DIVISION OF LOCAL AFFAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$795,668 FOR THE PROVISION OF ELIGIBLE SERVICES UNDER THE HOMELESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM; and,**

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING TO FUND ACTIVITIES THAT MEET THE CDBG-R CRITERIA.**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. The City Council is hereby accepting a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development through the State Division of Local Affairs in the amount of \$795,668 to fund activities that meet the criteria of the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Grant Program.

Section 2. The City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to execute the contracts necessary for the provision of services eligible under the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Grant Program primarily for eligible clients that reside outside the city limits.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk