



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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December 12, 2023

Mr. Roger Mercado, Director
Lee County Board of County Commissioners
Lee County Department of Human Services
2440 Thompson Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Subject: Transmittal of Grant Agreement Amendment
Continuum of Care Program (CoCs)
Fiscal Year (FY): FY2022
Project Grant Number: **FL0923L4D032201**
Project Name: CASL Permanent Supportive Housing

Dear Mr. Mercado,

Enclosed is (1) original Grant Agreement Amendment between Lee County Board of County Commissioners and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Please sign and return to this office.

Should you have questions or comments, please contact Dana Sibley Community Planning and Development Representative at (305) 520-5021, or dana.k.sibley@hud.gov

Sincerely,

**DAVID
NOGUERA**

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Housing and Urban Development, Office
of Community Planning and Development
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David Noguera, Director
Community Planning and Development Division

Enclosures

Grant Number: FL0923L4D032201
Tax ID Number: 59-6000702
UEI: SS8J CN35 XH77
Operating Start Date: October 1, 2023

AMENDMENT TO THE CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANT AGREEMENT

This Amendment to Grant Agreement is made by and between the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Ft. Myers/Cape Coral /Lee County CoC, of PO Box 398, Fort Myers, FL 33902-0398.

RECITALS

1. HUD and the Recipient entered into a Grant Agreement dated 09/18/2023, having Grant No. FL0923L4D032201. With an effective date of October 1, 2023, and an end date of September 30, 2024.
2. The parties are desirous of amending the Grant Agreement to shift more than 10% from one eligible activity to another due to a scrivener’s error.
3. HUD has determined that the change is necessary to better serve eligible persons within the geographic area and to ensure that the priorities established under the Notice of Funding Availability in which the grant was originally awarded, are met.
4. The shift in funds will not adversely affect the participants.

AGREEMENTS

HUD’s total funding obligation for this grant in the amount of **\$171,458.00** remains the same; however, the funds for **CASL Permanent Supportive Housing**, are now reallocated as follows:

Budget Line	Original	Adjust	<i>New Totals</i>
Rental Assistance	\$0	+\$171,458	<i>\$171,458</i>
Leasing	\$171,458	-\$171,458	<i>\$0</i>
Total	\$199,656.00		<i>\$171,458</i>

This Amendment to Grant Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties as to amendment of the Grant Agreement and will become effective only upon the execution hereof by all parties. The remaining terms of the Grant Agreement remain in full force and effect. The parties, on the dates set forth below their respective signatures, hereby execute this Amendment to Grant Agreement, as follows:

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development**

BY: **DAVID NOGUERA** Digitally signed by: DAVID NOGUERA
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Housing and Urban Development, Office of
Community Planning and Development
Date: 2023.12.12 14:06:15 -0800

(Signature)

David Noguera, CPD Director

12/12/2023

(Date)

**RECIPIENT
Ft. Myers/Cape Coral/Lee County CoC**

BY: 

(Signature of Authorized Official)

Kevin Ruzoe, Vice Chair

(Typed Name and Title of Authorized Official)

12 20 2023

(Date)

Approved as to Form for the
Reliance of Lee County Only

By 
Office of the County Attorney

The attached document has been approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Please review the instructions below and forward to the appropriate office when complete.

Meeting Date:	04/18/2023
Agenda Item #:	C12
Agenda Item Title:	Accept Continuum of Care Grant Funds from HUD
	(1) CASL Permanent Supportive Housing Grant Agreement FL0923L4D032201 - Amendment

Department	Instructions
County Attorney	Please review the attached document(s) at the BLUE sticker. If you have any questions concerning the document(s), contact the originating department. After completion, forward to the CHAIR/VICE CHAIR for signature.
Chair/Vice Chair	Sign the attached document(s) at the RED sticker. After completion, forward to the MINUTES OFFICE for execution.
Minutes Office	Execute the attached document(s). After document(s) are completely executed, return the remaining originals to Laurel Chick, County Administration for distribution.

Date out from Administration: 12/13/23

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AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: April 18, 2023
DEPARTMENT: Human and Veteran Services
REQUESTER: Roger Mercado
TITLE: Accept Continuum of Care Grant Funds from HUD

I. MOTION REQUESTED

- A) Accept \$2,012,619 in Continuum of Care (CoC) grant funds from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- B) Approve budget amendment resolution to add \$2,012,619 in grant funds to the 2022-2023 budget.
- C) Authorize Chair, on behalf of the Board, to execute U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant agreements, sub-recipient contracts, and future necessary amendments that do not substantially change the overall intent of the agreement/contract, once received.
- D) Authorize County Manager or designee to sign grant/project reports.

II. ITEM SUMMARY

Accepts U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care funds for the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget. Funding will provide housing and services to persons who are experiencing homelessness. Funds are administered by Human and Veteran Services and local non-profit agencies. Approximately 561 persons will be provided information, referrals, housing and supportive services. The total allocation of \$2,012,619 will be expended during fiscal years 2023 and 2024.

III. BACKGROUND AND IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

- A) Board Action and Other History
 Pursuant to 24 CFR Part 578, and as approved by the Board of County Commissioners at the September 20, 2022 meeting (Agenda Item 11), Lee County submitted an application for HUD Continuum of Care funds on September 30, 2022.
 HUD awarded Continuum of Care funds on March 28, 2023, and is in the process of preparing grant agreement for execution with Lee County. Funding will be available upon execution of these agreements.
- B) Policy Issues
 Lee County Administrative Code 3-17 requires Board approval for all grant applications and awards.
- C) BoCC Goals
 Meets requirements for grant funding, which provides for Human Services in Lee County. Funding addresses housing and service needs for persons experiencing homelessness in Lee County, as identified in the Homeless Continuum of Care Strategic Plan.
- D) Analysis
 The Lee County Continuum of Care (CoC) includes local governments, agencies, advocates, and program users who collectively plan and implement programs to serve persons who are homeless and at risk of homelessness in Lee County. The Lee County Homeless Coalition and Lee County Human and Veteran Services coordinate this effort, and the County officially submits an annual grant application for HUD CoC funding as the "Collaborative Applicant." This federal funding provides housing and services for persons who are experiencing homelessness in Lee County, and has been accepted and utilized in Lee County since 1995.
 On September 20, 2022, the Board approved Agenda Item #11, which authorized the submission of the 2021 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CoC funding application.
 HUD announced 2022 CoC awards on March 28, 2023, and budget must be established to commit and expend the awarded funds. This award provides funding for eight (8) projects.
- Five (5) permanent supportive housing projects operated by Community Assisted and Supported Living (CASL),
 - One (1) permanent housing project for victims of domestic violence administered by Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice,
 - One (1) planning project administered by Human and Veteran Services, and
 - One (1) project to facilitate coordinated entry administered/operated by Human & Veteran Services and a community nonprofit agency.

The acceptance of this funding will require the execution of six (6) sub recipient contracts with two (2) nonprofit agencies (sub-recipients) as follows:

- Community Assisted and Supportive Living, Inc: Supportive Services in the amount of \$128,157, to provide case management, other client services and permanent supportive housing minimum of 17 individuals who have been

homeless for long periods and have a severe and persistent mental illness.

- Community Assisted and Supportive Living, Inc: Permanent Supportive Housing in the amount of \$171,458, to provide case management, other client services and permanent supportive housing for 11 individuals who have been homeless for long periods and have a severe and persistent mental illness.
- Community Assisted and Supported Living, Inc: Rental Assistance in the amount of \$199,656, to provide rental subsidies for 27 individuals residing in permanent supportive housing who have been homeless for long periods and have a severe and persistent mental illness.
- Community Assisted and Supported Living, Inc: RTF II Permanent Supportive Housing in the amount of \$688,074, to provide permanent supportive housing in an assisted living format for 16 individuals who have been homeless for long periods and have a severe and persistent mental illness.
- Community Assisted and Supported Living, Inc: Permanent Supportive Housing Scattered Site Rental Assistance in the amount of \$296,143, to provide rental subsidies for 40 individuals residing in permanent supportive housing who have been homeless for long periods and have a severe and persistent mental illness.
- Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice: Domestic Violence Rapid Rehousing in the amount of \$256,726, to provide rental subsidies and supportive services for 30 households who have survived domestic violence.

In addition to funding being contracted with sub-recipients, Lee County Human and Veteran Services will administer the following awards:

- \$165,000, in Support Services-Coordinated Entry funds to support salary and benefit costs for existing Coordinated Entry Coordinator staff and to operate the Coordinated Entry System for Lee County. The Coordinated Entry Coordinator is responsible for ensuring that persons referred through the Coordinated Entry System are prioritized for and connected with housing and services. The Coordinated Entry System, serves as the single point of entry for persons who are experiencing homelessness to access permanent housing resources. Individuals and families experiencing homelessness who contact Coordinated Entry will be assessed and prioritized for housing and services. An estimated 2865 individuals or families experiencing homelessness will be linked to housing and/or services through Southwest Florida Connect
- \$107,405, in CoC planning grant funds to support the salary and benefit costs for CoC management staff that will carry out activities that will increase CoC collaboration and enhance project outcomes.

The total award is \$2,012,619 and requires a 25% match, which is met through sub-recipient cash or in-kind contributions, other grant funds, and County General Funds already being used to support existing staff's salaries.

E) Options

IV. **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

A)	Current year dollar amount of item:	\$2,012,619
B)	Is this item approved in the current budget?	No
C)	Is this a revenue or expense item?	Revenue
D)	Is this Discretionary or Mandatory?	Discretionary
E)	Will this item impact future budgets? If yes, please include reasons in III(D) above.	No
F)	Fund: Federal Grant through Continuum of Care Program Program: U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Project: Continuum of Care Account Strings: 11136013829	
G)	Fund Type?	General Fund, Other: 24 CFR Part 578 Continuum of Care Program
H)	Comments:	

V. **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve

VI. **TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION**

HUD announced 2022 CoC awards on March 28, 2023.

The HUD grant agreements will need to be signed by the BOCC Chair upon receipt from HUD.

The sub-recipient contracts have varying effective dates, as noted below. Contracts are prepared using a template approved by Lee County's Risk Management and Attorney's Offices, which includes the specific HUD Agreement for the project and applicable federal requirements. Prior to submission to the Chair for signature, the prepared contract will be signed by the agency, and reviewed for legal sufficiency by the Lee County Attorney's Office and by Risk Management for applicable insurance requirements. Any balance of grant funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year will be carried over to FY 2022-2023.

Effective dates of sub recipient contracts:

- Community Assisted and Supported Living, Inc Rental Assistance - April 1, 2023
- Community Assisted and Supported Living, Inc Permanent Supportive Housing – October 1, 2023
- Community Assisted and Supported Living, Inc Supportive Services - June 1, 2023
- Community Assisted and Supported Living, Inc Permanent Supportive Housing Scattered Site– October 1, 2023
- Community Assisted and Supported Living, Inc RTF II Permanent Supportive Housing– October 1, 2023
- Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice DV Rapid Re-Housing – October 1, 2023

Effective dates of Human and Veteran Services contracts:

- Supportive Services-Coordinated Entry – October 1, 2023
- CoC Planning Grant – June 1, 2023

VII. FOLLOW UP

1. The Board Chair will need to sign the following:
 - a. Sub-recipient contracts once prepared, and if necessary, approve any future amendments to the contracts, for this and previous fiscal years, that do not substantially alter the original intent of the contract.
2. Human and Veteran Services staff will administer and oversee CoC projects throughout the program year.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
<u>Budget Resolution Request</u>	3/31/2023	Budget Amendment
<u>Budget Amendment</u>	4/10/2023	Budget Amendment
<u>041823R-C-12-RESO 23-04-22 Budget Amendment</u>	4/20/2023	Resolution

REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action	Date
Human and Veteran Services	Isley, Rae	Approved	4/10/2023 - 10:29 AM
Human and Veteran Services	Mercado, Roger	Approved	4/10/2023 - 11:10 AM
Budget Services	Henkel, Anne	Approved	4/10/2023 - 12:22 PM
Budget Services	Winton, Peter	Approved	4/10/2023 - 2:22 PM
County Attorney	Fraser, Andrea	Approved	4/10/2023 - 2:42 PM
County Manager	Mora, Marc	Approved	4/10/2023 - 5:05 PM