



City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 250937

Submitted Department/Preparer: Health

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Docket memos are required on all ordinances initiated by a Department Director. More information can be found in [Administrative Regulation \(AR\) 4-1](#).

Executive Summary

Accepting the Housing Opportunities for People with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) award from the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$2,201,869.00.

Discussion

The City of Kansas City, Missouri's HOPWA funding provides housing assistance and related supportive services for low-income persons with HIV (PWH) and their families residing in the Kansas City Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area. The KC EMSA includes eight Missouri counties (Cass, Clay, Clinton, Caldwell, Jackson, Lafayette, Platte, and Ray) and five Kansas counties (Johnson, Leavenworth, Linn, Miami, and Wyandotte). KCHD anticipates serving at least 186 PWH through this FY24 HOPWA funding.

HOPWA housing assistance is provided by KCHD directly and by subrecipients contracted through the City's RFP process. HOPWA housing assistance includes: Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) in the form of housing choice vouchers; Transitional Housing; Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance (STRMU); Permanent Housing Placement (PHP) to remove barriers to accessing housing; Gap Lodging to prevent homelessness; Employment Services to help clients increase income; Housing Case Management; and Housing Navigation.

PWH need supportive housing tailored to their needs. HOPWA helps ensure PWH can access and maintain treatment adherence by assisting them with stable housing and support services. PWH have a significant need for housing stability because homelessness and unstable housing are conditions strongly associated with inadequate HIV health care, including failure to connect with a primary care provider. Poor engagement in care is associated with poor health outcomes, including increased mortality and increased transmission of HIV.

HOPWA is the only Federal program dedicated to the housing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS. Under the HOPWA Program, HUD makes grants to local communities, States, and nonprofit organizations for projects that benefit low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? ☒ Yes ☐ No

2. What is the funding source?
HOPWA Fund 2740
3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
N/A
4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.
No
5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?
No

Office of Management and Budget Review

(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

1. This legislation is supported by the general fund. ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. This fund has a structural imbalance. ☐ Yes ☒ No
3. Account string has been verified/confirmed. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Additional Discussion (if needed)

N/A

Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact

1. View the [Adopted 2025-2029 Citywide Business Plan](#)
2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?
Housing and Healthy Communities (Press tab after selecting.)
3. Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):
 - ☒ Utilize planning approaches in neighborhoods to reduce blight, ensure sustainable housing, and improve resident wellbeing and cultural diversity.
 - ☐ Maintain and increase affordable housing supply to meet the demands of a diverse population.
 - ☒ Address the various needs of the City's most vulnerable population by working to reduce disparities.

- ☐ Foster an inclusive environment and regional approach to spur innovative solutions to housing challenges.
- ☒ Ensure all residents have safe, accessible, quality housing by reducing barriers.
- ☐ Protect and promote healthy, active amenities such as parks and trails, play spaces, and green spaces.

Prior Legislation

Service Level Impacts

This ordinance will provide the means to serve an estimated 150 people with HIV (PWH) by providing stable housing through Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and by preventing homelessness through Permanent Housing Placement (PHP) services. This also expands the capacity of KCMO's HOPWA programming by adding an additional housing service provider (Vivent), which will increase the ability of the HOPWA program to respond to the needs of PWH and prevent or address homelessness.

This ordinance will have an impact on the following City Goals, Objectives, and KPIs:
Neighborhoods & Healthy Communities

---Objective 1: Increase overall life expectancy and reduce health inequities in the zip codes with the lowest life expectancy and the additional zip codes with the least improvement in life expectancy.

---Strategy 1: Decrease the rate of sexually transmitted diseases particularly among the adolescent population.

---KPI: Difference in the total number of expected years of life between highest and lowest zip codes.

---Impact: Providing housing and preventing homelessness for PWH supports their medical treatment adherence, which in turn supports their HIV viral suppression. Increased viral suppression for PWH increases the life expectancy of PWH to that equivalent to people not living with HIV. Increased viral suppression also prevents the transmission of HIV to others, decreasing HIV transmission in KCMO.

Housing

---Objective 2: Increase accessibility to socially and physically diverse quality housing throughout the City for all income groups.

---Strategy 4: Coordinate with Continuum of Care Network to mitigate the impact of homelessness in Kansas City..

---KPI: Percent residents satisfied with accessibility of affordable housing

---Impact: By working closely with the Continuum of Care and by providing TBRA to PWH, this will increase the access of low-income PWH to affordable and quality housing

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?
Potential health impacts for PWH are improved health outcomes, including increased adherence to HIV medical treatment plans and increased viral suppression. Additionally, other health and quality of life measures are likely to be positively impacted by HOPWA activities through preventing and addressing homelessness among PWH.
2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?
The Health Department's HIV HOUSING staff have engaged with PWH who are HOPWA consumers through the Housing Equity Policy Council.
3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?
By preventing and addressing homelessness in the KC Metro, this increases sustainability in KCMO.
4. Does this legislation create or preserve new housing units?
No (Press tab after selecting)

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5. Department staff certifies the submission of any application Affirmative Action Plans or Certificates of Compliance, Contractor Utilization Plans (CUPs), and Letters of Intent to Subcontract (LOIs) to CREO prior to, or simultaneously with, the legislation entry request in Legistar.

No - CREO's review is not applicable (Press tab after selecting)

Please provide reasoning why not:

Contracts executed

6. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from an Invitation for Bid?

No(Press tab after selecting)

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7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?
No(Press tab after selecting)