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CONSIDERATION OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,249 FROM KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES (KDADS) FOR COMCARE'S PATH HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM.

Presented by: Marilyn Cook, LMCSW, Executive Director, COMCARE.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize to apply and accept the grant award and authorize the Chairman, or his designee, to sign all the necessary documents when they become available.

Grant Renewal: No

Never Applied: Yes, been receiving this same grant for the last 18 years.

Applied; not awarded: No

Grant Summary and Timeline: COMCARE's Homeless Program has been providing services under the PATH (Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness) grant for 18 years through the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services. In this grant application, COMCARE proposes to continue providing access to mental health and substance use treatment services for persons who are literally homeless.

These services include:

- Street outreach;
- Screening and diagnostic treatment;
- Case management;
- Referrals to other providers, like primary healthcare and addiction treatment; and
- Technical assistance in applying for housing, benefits, employment, etc. as appropriate.

COMCARE's PATH funds will be utilized to support two full time (2.0 FTE) outreach case managers and 0.40 FTE office specialist to manage data for the program. COMCARE expects that approximately 300 literally homeless adults with mental illness and/or substance use will be outreached and 175 will be enrolled into services annually.

This is a grant application for FY 2017 with the option to renew for one (1) additional year.

Financial Considerations:

Grant period starts: 8-1-16

Grant period ends: 7-31-17

Source of funding

Grant: \$115, 249

Required Match: \$

Required Cash Match: \$

Required In-Kind Match: \$

Other funding:\$ 39, 241

TOTAL SOURCES \$154, 490
Uses of funding (Note: Include any Required Matches in your totals)
Operational costs: \$ 154, 490
 Personnel: \$138, 011
 Contractual services: \$16, 279
 Operational supplies: \$200
 Equipment:\$
 Indirect administrative costs:\$
Capital projects cost:\$
TOTAL USES \$154, 490
Source of matching funds:
Source of other funding: unencumbered cash in fund 252

Budget Authority Adjustment: No budget authority is being requested at this time.

Personnel considerations: This PATH grant will fund two full time outreach case managers, and 0.4 FTE of an office specialist, which have been funded through this grant previously.

Expected measurable outcomes: Through the PATH grant, staff will be able to provide the services necessary to help connect literally homeless individuals with severe and persistent mental illness to housing, income, medical insurance, primary medical care, and other resources so that they can start the recovery process.

Requirements from Sedgwick County: COMCARE will have to provide the following reports to KDADS during the course of the grant:

Financial Report: By the 20th of each month the grantee shall submit a monthly financial report for payment to the State PATH Contact. *COMCARE will* enter client level data on all persons outreached and/or enrolled in the PATH program in a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Cumulative Quarterly Report: COMCARE will submit a Quarterly Progress report in the PATH Data Exchange (PDX) online database by the 20th of each of the following months: November, February, May, and August. Year-end Report: COMCARE will submit the Annual PATH report in PATH PDX by mid-December.

The County/COMCARE will comply with the requirements detailed in the grant application under Attachment A - Assurances.

COMCARE will provide match funds in the amount of \$39,241.00 for the grant program.

Alternatives: Without these funds COMCARE's Homeless Program would be unable to maintain the current level of outreach and case management services. Services would have to be reduced or an alternative source of funding would need to be identified.

Policy considerations: All Sedgwick County policies have been followed in the development of this renewal grant application.

Legal considerations: The authority for this action is K.S.A 19-101 and a simple majority vote is required.

