

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Mark McCauley, County Administrator

DATE: January 3, 2023

SUBJECT: Department of Commerce 2024 and 2025 Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG)

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

On or about January 23, 2023 the Department of Commerce (Commerce) will release applications for State Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 Consolidated Homeless Grant funds. Each grant cycle Commerce gives counties the opportunity to administer these funds as lead grantee. The administration requirements are especially onerous for these grants – the Commerce guidelines document is 62 pages long. Due to this, the County has always opted out. In the County's absence, OlyCAP has applied and been awarded the grant since its inception about 11 years ago.

Bayside Housing and Services has recently expressed interest in applying for the CHG grant. If both Bayside and OlyCAP apply, Commerce will award the grant to the organization they determine is most qualified to act as lead grantee. The role of lead grantee comes with the ability to make subgrants to qualifying organizations in the County.

ANALYSIS:

Staff recommends that the County again opt out and let our interested local housing organizations apply for the grant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This request has no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board discuss the grant and provide guidance to staff regarding whether to opt out or apply.

REVIEWED BY:

 12/29/22

Mark McCauley, County Administrator Date