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Application for FY 2004 United States Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program Funding (NB)

Since 1995, the City of Gainesville has coordinated with other Gainesville/Alachua County organizations to submit applications for funding under HUD's Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program. Each annual application has competed successfully with the results being ten projects, along with multiple renewals, funded in the past nine years.

Local organizations again have an opportunity to apply for homeless assistance funding through HUD. Two projects, for which the City has served as the "lead agency" or grantee, are included in this year's consolidated application:

1. A request from the Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. "HOPE" Program, for a \$99,101 one-year renewal. This project provides supportive services and houses up to 12 mentally ill and dually diagnosed homeless individuals at leased scattered sites. The project was initially funded in 1995.
2. A request from VETSPACE, Inc., project sponsor, for \$106,215 for a one-year renewal to provide supportive services and house up to 12 homeless veterans in transitional housing at leased scattered sites. This project was initially funded in 1999.

These projects have been developed in collaboration with over 30 participating agencies and organizations, including the City of Gainesville, that are part of the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless & Hungry. Because Levy and Putnam counties are now included in this application process, the Coalition will take the lead in submitting this year's consolidated application. If funded, the City would act as fiscal agent for the receipt and disbursement of grant funds for the Meridian Behavioral Healthcare "HOPE" Program and VETSPACE transitional housing projects via subrecipient agreements.

The deadline for submitting this application to HUD is July 27, 2004.

This application requests \$205,316 in funding from HUD for the two projects. The City of Gainesville would act as the fiscal agent for both projects, and all required matching funds will be provided by the project sponsors.

The City Commission: 1) authorize the City Manager or designee to apply for grant funding under the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program and to act on behalf of the City of Gainesville in all matters pertaining to said program; and 2) authorize the City Manager to execute subrecipient agreements with Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. and VETSPACE, Inc., if selected by HUD, to receive funding through the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program.