



HIP Housing Funding Request to the City of San Mateo FY 2022-2023

Request: HIP Housing respectfully requests a grant in the amount of \$105,000 from the City of San Mateo. If awarded, this grant will be used to:

1. Replace support for HIP Housing Home Sharing Program previously provided by City of San Mateo Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/RDA program (\$25,000)
2. Offset HIP Housing's programs funding losses due to increased operating costs for our City of San Mateo based properties (\$80,000)

Organization Overview: HIP Housing's mission is to invest in human potential by improving the housing and lives of people in our community. Our programs provide homes to 1,400+ low-income individuals, families, and seniors throughout San Mateo County annually through three innovative programs – the Home Sharing Program, Self Sufficiency Program, and Property Management and Development.

HIP Housing Partnership with the City of San Mateo: HIP Housing was founded in the City of San Mateo in 1972 and has called the City home for all 50 years. It has historically partnered with the City for support in two ways: 1) program funding from CDBG and 2) collaboration in affordable property preservation. However, in recent years, both have been notably impacted.

Program Funding Decreases:

1. **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):** The City of San Mateo CDBG program supported our Home Sharing Program from FY 2011-2012 to FY 2020-2021 for an average of \$17,800 annually. Prior to CDBG, the City funded the Home Sharing Program from the Redevelopment Agency in the amount of \$25,000 annually. Due to rigorous client income verification and reporting requirements, which clients were often unable to meet due to limited resources/access to resources, we were unable to continue accepting CDBG funding.

On annual average, Home Sharing staff have interviewed, screened, and provided housing assistance to 280 individuals who either work, live or go to school in the City of San Mateo per year and matched 36 individuals in housing. Additionally, we have provided housing information and referrals to 418 individuals living in the City of San Mateo.

2. **Property Income from San Mateo Based Preservation Properties:** The second way the City of San Mateo and HIP Housing have worked together is for the acquisition and preservation of multi-family apartment buildings. HIP Housing currently owns and operates six housing complexes in the City of San Mateo representing 147-units of deed restricted affordable housing that are home to 226 low-income people.

In the past 5-years, operating costs for our San Mateo owned properties have increased rapidly. We now receive nearly \$90,000 less in annual income from our properties than in years past. This is especially difficult for us as because unlike market rate apartment owners, HIP Housing is not able to raise rents to accommodate new fees. On behalf of the entire HIP Housing team, our Board of Directors, and our clients, thank you for your past support and for your consideration of our funding request of \$105,000.