



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
January 22, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
 Submitted by: Kelly Wallace, Interim Director, HHCS
 Subject: Authorize Memorandum of Understanding with Alameda County for Winter Relief Program

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) through April 30, 2019 with Alameda County for a Winter Relief Program.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Alameda County will provide the City of Berkeley \$22,500 to pay for all services associated with the Winter Relief Program. The funds will be deposited and expensed from the One-Time Grant: No Capital Expenditures Fund and will be officially appropriated as part of the Second Amendment to the FY 2019 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

During the typically cold, rainy winter months, unsheltered homeless individuals experience increased vulnerability and the potential for further physical and psychological decompensation. Providing these individuals short-term shelter in local motels not only protects them from the elements, but can also create the opportunity to engage them in services to help stabilize their lives. Alameda County will provide funding to the Mental Health Division to pay for motel stays for high-need, long-term unsheltered homeless individuals outreached or referred to the Homeless Outreach & Treatment Team (HOTT). The length of stay for each participant will be based on their needs and the availability of other appropriate shelter options, but shall not exceed 29 days.

BACKGROUND

The Housing & Community Services Division of HHCS administered a similar program with funding from Alameda County during last fiscal year.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

High-need long-term homeless individuals currently living on the streets are amongst the most vulnerable populations in Berkeley, and are also among the most difficult to serve. Providing this program will not only get them in out of the cold, but will also create an opportunity to get them engaged in services to improve their situation for the long term.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

No alternative actions were considered.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

AUTHORIZE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ALAMEDA COUNTY
FOR WINTER RELIEF PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2018 the Council of the City of Berkeley adopted Resolution No. 68,288-N.S. to enter into a previous Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Alameda for a Winter Relief Program during the period of December 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the County of Alameda ("COUNTY") has allocated a total of \$22,500 for respite from the elements for literally homeless people living on the streets of Berkeley during the period of November 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the parties acknowledge that there is a lack of available shelter space to provide shelter for the homeless populations of Berkeley, Albany, and Emeryville; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City of Berkeley further acknowledge that funding for motel stays for unsheltered homeless individuals during the typically cold and rainy winter season will improve health and safety outcomes for residents who would otherwise remain unsheltered during inclement weather; and

WHEREAS, the City's Homeless Outreach and Treatment Team (HOTT) staff will utilize these funds and place high need and vulnerable homeless people in temporary lodging, allowing them a respite from the streets while support services staff assess needs and develop a long-term housing plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to receive funds and negotiate and execute a memorandum of understanding (MOU) through April 30, 2019 with the County of Alameda that outlines the services to be provided and the responsibilities of the County and the City in the Winter Relief Program. A record contract of said MOU and any amendments are on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

