

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: MARITA WALLACE, PROGRAM SPECIALIST
HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES
SUBJECT: CITY/COUNTY FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR SAMUEL L. JONES
HALL HOMELESS SHELTER

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Manager's Office that the Council, by resolution, approve an Agreement Between the City of Santa Rosa and the County of Sonoma for the Funding of Operations at the Samuel L. Jones Hall Homeless Shelter for 2021/2022 (2021/2022 Funding Agreement) in the amount of \$255,000.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff seeks approval of an Agreement Between the City of Santa Rosa and the County of Sonoma for the Funding of Operations at the Samuel L. Jones Hall Homeless Shelter for 2021/2022 (2021/2022 Funding Agreement) in the amount of \$255,000. This agreement will provide funding from the County for the operations of the Samuel L. Jones Hall Homeless Shelter (Shelter) including the recently completed Samuel L. Jones Hall Homeless Shelter (Annex) for the current fiscal year. The resolution also authorizes the Director of Housing and Community Services, or designee, to execute the 2021/2022 Funding Agreement, and appropriates \$90,000 from the County of Sonoma for Housing Navigation and/or Housing Locator positions, authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to increase appropriations in certain related revenue fund/objects and expenditure fund/key items.

BACKGROUND

1. The Shelter is a City-owned facility which has been operated by Catholic Charities since it opened in November 2005. The Shelter's Housing Focused Program provides up to 213 year-round beds that have been prioritized by the Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST) with beds designed for medical

respite, public safety, and the Homeless Encampment Assistance Program (HEAP) or during emergent situations.

2. In conjunction with the Shelter, the Annex, a separate facility constructed in 2020, provides up to 60 emergency shelter beds and wrap-around services for persons experiencing homelessness. These 60 beds are part of the total 213 year-round beds provided on-site, restoring the shelter bed capacity that was lost due to social-distancing restrictions during the Covid-19 pandemic; and are prioritized for individuals identified through the Homeless Encampment Assistance Program (HEAP) or during emergent situations.
3. On June 22, 2021, Council approved the City's Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget, including the following appropriation for the Shelter:
 - \$ 165,000 – County of Sonoma
 - \$ 75,700 – Community Foundation Sonoma County
 - \$ 713,411 – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - \$1,018,631 – City of Santa Rosa General Fund
 - \$1,972,742* – Total (*This did not include an additional \$90,000 from the County which is part of this request bringing the total to \$2,062,742)
4. The Council has previously provided the Director of Housing and Community Services with authority to execute amendments to the City's operating agreement with Catholic Charities subject to Council's approval of the budget. Pursuant to this authority, following Council's approval of the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget, the Director of Housing and Community Services executed an agreement with Catholic Charities in the amount of \$2,062,742, for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.
5. The proposed 2021/2022 Funding Agreement confirms the County's financial commitment for the current fiscal year.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On June 22, 2021, Council approved the City's Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget, including an appropriation for the Shelter and Annex in the total amount of \$1,972,742. This included \$165,000 from the County (not including an additional \$90,000 from the County that brings the total to \$2,062,742), \$713,411 from the Community Development Block Grant, \$75,700 from the Community Foundation, and \$1,018,631 from the City's General Fund.

ANALYSIS

1. The County has supported the operation of the Shelter since opening in 2005 via annual funding agreements. The Fiscal Year 2020/2021 funding agreement expired on June 30, 2021, necessitating the execution of the 2021/2022 Funding

Agreement for the current fiscal year. The 2021/2022 Funding Agreement will provide \$165,000 for shelter operations, plus \$90,000 specifically for Housing Navigation and/or Housing Locator positions in connect with the Annex, for a total of \$255,000, which commitment of funding is consistent with the County's Fiscal Year 2020/2021 contribution. The \$255,000 is funded from local sources.

2. Staff is seeking Council's approval of the 2021/2022 Funding Agreement, which will provide funding from the County for the Shelter including the recently completed Annex.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed 2021/2022 Funding Agreement, if approved, will provide \$255,000 in County funding for the Shelter, which will offset the City's funding for Shelter operations approved as part of the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget.

With this action, \$90,000 would also be appropriated from the County of Sonoma for Housing Navigation and/or Housing Locator positions, and the Chief Financial Officer would be authorized to increase appropriations in revenue fund/object 1209-4432 "Homeless Shelter Operations / Other County Revenue- Intergvmt" and increase appropriations in expenditure fund/key "Homeless Shelter Operations / Samuel L. Jones Hall Homeless Shelter" by \$90,000.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed services under the funding agreements are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution/Exhibit A (2021/2022 Funding Agreement)

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