

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: KELLI KUYKENDALL, ACTING HOMELESS SERVICES
MANAGER
SUBJECT: HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
FIRST AMENDMENT TO HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICES
TEAM (HOST) AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RAPID
RE-HOUSING RESOURCES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000 TO
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA
AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department that the Council, by resolution, 1) approve the First Amendment to Grant Agreement for Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST) with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa (Fiscal Year 2016/2017) to provide additional rapid re-housing resources in the amount of \$125,000, bringing the total amount under the agreement to \$591,450; 2) authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement; and 3) appropriate funds from the General Fund unassigned fund balance for this purpose.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On June 14, 2016, Council approved a Grant Agreement for Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST Agreement) Program, in the amount of \$466,450, with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa (Catholic Charities), for program operations, including outreach, housing placement and operation of the mobile bathroom-shower trailer, for the period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. On January 10, 2017, in connection with the extension of the proclamation of local homeless emergency, Council directed staff to further evaluate the expanded winter shelter options presented to Council, which included providing additional rapid re-housing resources through Catholic Charities' HOST Program. On February 7, 2017, in connection with the continued extension of the proclamation of local homeless emergency, staff provided Council with an update on a number of work efforts currently underway, including staff's intent to bring forward an amendment to the HOST Agreement. Staff has prepared a First Amendment to Grant Agreement for Homeless Outreach Services Team (First Amendment) with Catholic Charities (Fiscal Year 2016/2017) to provide additional rapid re-housing resources in the amount of \$125,000, bringing the total amount under the

HOST Agreement to \$591,450, and is seeking Council's approval to execute the First Amendment.

This item relates to Council Goal 6: Committed to making Santa Rosa a community where people feel safe to live, work, and play.

BACKGROUND

1. In August 2015, Council approved a grant agreement (\$415,000) with Catholic Charities for a City-sponsored HOST Program for the period from August 2015 to June 2016. This agreement was subsequently amended to provide for the purchase and operation of a mobile bathroom-shower trailer (\$87,450) to be utilized as an outreach tool to further engage homeless persons into supportive services, bringing the total amount under the agreement to \$502,450.
2. HOST is a multi-disciplinary street outreach team that works to engage unsheltered homeless into services with the ultimate goal of placing them into housing as part of the "Housing First" model. HOST coordinates services in partnership with local providers including Social Advocates for Youth and Buckelew Programs, and also works with law enforcement, parks systems and water agencies to address issues that arise from activities related to homelessness. The primary service area for the City-sponsored HOST Program is downtown Santa Rosa.
3. On June 14, 2016, Council approved a Grant Agreement for Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST Agreement) Program, in the amount of \$466,450, with Catholic Charities, for program operations, including outreach, housing placement and operation of the mobile bathroom-shower trailer, for the period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.
4. On January 10, 2017, in connection with the extension of the proclamation of local homeless emergency, Council directed staff to further evaluate the expanded winter shelter options presented to Council, which included providing additional rapid re-housing resources through Catholic Charities' HOST Program.
5. On February 7, 2017, in connection with the continued extension of the proclamation of local homeless emergency, staff provided Council with an update on a number of work efforts currently underway, including bringing forward an amendment to the HOST Agreement.
6. Staff has prepared a First Amendment to Grant Agreement for Homeless Outreach Services Team (First Amendment) with Catholic Charities (Fiscal Year 2016/2017) to provide additional rapid re-housing resources in the amount of \$125,000, bringing the total amount under the HOST Agreement to \$591,450, and is seeking Council's approval to execute the First Amendment.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On June 14, 2016, Council, by Resolution No. 28793, approved a Grant Agreement for Homeless Outreach Services Team Program, in the amount of \$466,450, with Catholic Charities, for program operations, including outreach, housing placement and operation of the mobile bathroom-shower trailer, for the period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

ANALYSIS

1. On January 10, in connection with the extension of the proclamation of local homeless emergency, Council adopted the Housing First Strategy and Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Work Plan. Rapid re-housing is an evidence-based model and core element of the Housing First approach. Rapid re-housing seeks to place unsheltered homeless persons into permanent housing as quickly as possible, and its key components include housing identification, move-in and rent assistance, and case management services. Catholic Charities has operated a City-sponsored HOST Program since August 2015, including the provision of rapid re-housing. Catholic Charities estimates it will be able to place approximately 25 additional households into permanent housing with the \$125,000 of additional rapid re-housing funding.
2. As of the first quarter (July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016), Catholic Charities reports that HOST has served 97 unsheltered homeless persons of which 100% have completed vulnerability assessments (VI-SPDAT) and 48 enrolled into supportive services (49%). Also during this timeframe, a total of 46 were provided safe shelter and 4 were housed. Staff is working with Catholic Charities to finalize the second quarter report (July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016). Preliminary data show that a total of 20 persons have been housed to date. During its initial pilot phase (August 2015 to June 2016), HOST housed a total of 76 persons due in large part to the opening of the Palms which provides 44 HOST dedicated units. The complete Fiscal Year 2016/2017 first quarter report and Fiscal Year 2015/2016 cumulative report are located on the City's website at srcity.org/HOST.
3. The HOST Agreement provides \$466,450 for the period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, broken down as follows: \$415,000 for program operations plus \$51,450 for trailer operations. Of the \$415,000, \$200,000 is budgeted for housing assistance which includes safe shelter, reunification, and housing placement. The proposed First Amendment, if approved, will provide \$125,000 for additional rapid re-housing for a total of \$325,000 budgeted for housing assistance, bringing the total amount under the HOST Agreement to \$591,450. The First Amendment (attached) includes a detailed budget.

FISCAL IMPACT

The First Amendment, if approved, will provide \$125,000 for additional rapid re-housing resources, bringing the total under the HOST Agreement to \$591,450. Funding for this purpose was not included in the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 budget and will need to be appropriated from the General Fund unassigned fund balance.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is 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 Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution/Exhibit A (First Amendment)

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