

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: KELLI KUYKENDALL, HOMELESS SERVICES MANAGER
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
SUBJECT: CITY/COUNTY FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR SAMUEL L. JONES
HALL HOMELESS SHELTER

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department 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 2019/2020 (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 (Funding Agreement) for 2019/2020 in the amount of \$255,000. The County has supported the operation of the Shelter since opening in 2005 via annual funding agreements. The Fiscal Year 2018/2019 funding agreement expired on June 30, 2019, necessitating the execution of the Funding Agreement for Fiscal Year 2019/2020. The agreement will provide \$165,000 for shelter operations plus \$90,000 specifically for rapid re-housing, for a total of \$255,000, which commitment of funding is consistent with the County's Fiscal Year 2018/2019 contribution.

BACKGROUND

1. Samuel L. Jones Hall Homeless Shelter (Shelter) is a City-owned facility which has been operated by Catholic Charities since it opened in November 2005. The initial year-round 80-bed occupancy has increased over time with the consolidation of the Brookwood Shelter (40 beds) in 2009 and more recently, in November 2014, Council approved a modification to the Conditional Use Permit allowing an increase in year-round beds from 120 to 138 plus 50 winter shelter beds between November and March.

2. In Fiscal Year 2017/2018, Council approved additional funding for the consolidation of the year-round and winter shelter programs into a housing-focused shelter (Housing Focused Program) and providing additional beds to support shelter needs identified through the Homeless Encampment Assistance Pilot Program (HEAP Program) or during emergent situations. This was achieved under the flexibility provided by the proclamation of local homeless emergency without the need for a formal modification to the Conditional Use Permit.
3. The Housing Focused Program provides 213 year-round beds, 138 of which are set aside for individuals with highest vulnerability in conjunction with Coordinated Entry plus up to 75 beds prioritized for individuals identified through the HEAP Program or during emergent situations.
4. On June 19, 2018, Council approved an Agreement for the Operation and Use of the Samuel L. Jones Hall Homeless Center Housing Focused Program (SJH Agreement), in the amount of \$1,349,331, for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 (Year One). The SJH Agreement continues in effect until terminated subject to appropriation of funding by Council, the County of Sonoma, and the Community Foundation Sonoma County, as funders of the Shelter, and by amendment to the SJH Agreement by the Director of Housing and Community Services (HCS).
5. On June 18, 2019, Council approved the City's Fiscal Year 2019/2020 budget, including the following appropriation for the Shelter:
 - \$ 71,600 – Community Foundation Sonoma County
 - \$ 255,000 – County of Sonoma (\$165,000 operations; \$90,000 rapid rehousing)
 - \$1,022,731 – City of Santa Rosa General Fund
 - \$1,349,331 – Total
6. Subsequent to Council's approval of the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 budget, the Director of HCS executed an amendment to the SJH Agreement in the amount of \$1,349,331, for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 (Year Two).
7. Catholic Charities has also received an annual funding allocation from the Sonoma County Continuum of Care, recently rebranded Home Sonoma County, in the approximate amount of \$175,000 which provided for 24/7 operations starting in 2014, resulting in a combined program operating budget of approximately \$1.5 million.
8. The proposed Funding Agreement confirms the County's Fiscal Year 2019/2020 financial commitment.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

Samuel L. Jones Hall Homeless Shelter

On June 19, 2018, Council approved an Agreement for the Operation and Use of the Samuel L. Jones Hall Homeless Center Housing Focused Program (SJH Agreement), in the amount of \$1,349,331, for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 (Year One). The SJH Agreement continues in effect until terminated subject to appropriation of funding by Council, the County of Sonoma, and the Community Foundation Sonoma County, as funders of the Shelter, and by amendment to the SJH Agreement by the Director of Housing and Community Services.

On June 18, 2019, Council approved the City's Fiscal Year 2019/2020 budget, including an appropriation for the Shelter in the amount of \$1,349,331.

ANALYSIS

1. The County has supported the operation of the Shelter since opening in 2005 via annual funding agreements. The Fiscal Year 2018/2019 funding agreement expired on June 30, 2019, necessitating the execution of the Funding Agreement for Fiscal Year 2019/2020. The agreement will provide \$165,000 for shelter operations plus \$90,000 specifically for rapid re-housing, for a total of \$255,000, which commitment of funding is consistent with the County's Fiscal Year 2018/2019 contribution. The \$255,000 is funded from the County's General Fund.
2. Support of the Shelter aligns with the Council's priority to address homelessness in our community and its Housing First Strategy. Staff is seeking Council's approval to execute the Funding Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed Funding Agreement, if approved, will provide \$255,000 in County funding for the Shelter, of which \$165,000 will offset the City's funding for shelter operations plus an additional \$90,000 specifically for rapid re-housing, approved as part of the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed services under Funding Agreement 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 Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution/Exhibit A (Funding Agreement)

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