

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 2018/2019 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 2018/2019 in the amount of \$255,000.

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. 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 Pilot 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 Pilot 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, in the amount of \$1,349,331, for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.
5. Funding for the Housing Focused Program is derived from the following sources for Fiscal Year 2018/2019:
 - \$ 69,500 – Community Foundation Sonoma County
 - \$ 255,000 – County of Sonoma (\$165,000 operations; \$90,000 rapid rehousing)
 - \$1,024,831 – City of Santa Rosa General Fund
 - \$1,349,331 – Total
6. The proposed Funding Agreement confirms the County's Fiscal Year 2018/2019 financial commitment.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

Samuel L. Jones Hall Homeless Shelter

On June 19, 2018, Council, by Resolution No. RES-2018-100, approved an Agreement for the Operation and Use of the Samuel L. Jones Hall Homeless Center Housing Focused Program, in the amount of \$1,349,331, for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 (Fiscal Year 2018/2019).

ANALYSIS

1. The County has supported the operation of the Shelter since opening in 2005 via annual funding agreements. The Fiscal Year 2017/2018 funding agreement expired on June 30, 2018, necessitating the execution of the Funding Agreement for Fiscal Year 2018/2019. 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 2017/2018 contribution.

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 2018/2019 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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