

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: KELLI KUYKENDALL, ACTING HOMELESS SERVICES
MANAGER
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
SUBJECT: FIRST AMENDMENT TO SAMUEL L. JONES HALL HOMELESS
SHELTER AGREEMENT

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department that the Council, by resolution, approve the First Amendment to Agreement for the Operation and Use of the Samuel L. Jones Hall Homeless Shelter Year-Round and Winter Shelter Programs with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa to consolidate these programs into a 188-bed year-round housing-focused shelter.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff seeks Council's approval of the First Amendment to Agreement for the Operation and Use of the Samuel L. Jones Hall Homeless Shelter Year-Round and Winter Shelter Programs (Amendment) with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa in the amount of \$1,069,714, for the initial period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 (Year One). Per Council's direction at its meeting on July 11, 2017, the Amendment consolidates operation of these programs into a 188-bed year-round housing-focused shelter and increases the total compensation under the Agreement from \$572,803 to \$1,069,714, utilizing \$496,911 of the \$600,000 approved as part of the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 budget for the expansion of Housing First homeless services.

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 of the Diocese of Santa Rosa (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. On June 20, 2017, Council approved an Agreement for the Operation and Use of the Samuel L. Jones Hall Homeless Center Year-Round and Winter Shelter Programs (Agreement) in the amount of \$572,803, for the initial period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 (Year One), and continuing in effect until terminated subject to appropriation of funding by Council, the County of Sonoma, and the Community Foundation of Sonoma County, as funders of the Shelter, and by amendment to the Agreement. Council also authorized the allocation of funding from the \$600,000 (Expansion Funds) approved as part of the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 budget for the expansion of the Winter Shelter Program into a year-round 50-bed housing focused shelter.
3. On July 11, 2017, Council directed staff to consolidate the Year-Round and Winter Shelter Programs into a 188-bed year-round housing-focused shelter (Housing-Focused Program), necessitating an amendment to the Agreement.
4. The proposed Amendment includes a revised scope of services, a budget, and a quarterly status report, as exhibits to the Amendment.
5. Operation of the Housing-Focused Program will be funded with the following sources for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 for a combined total of \$1,069,714 comprised as follows:
 - \$ 69,500 – Community Foundation Sonoma County
 - \$ 165,000 – County of Sonoma
 - \$ 338,303 – City of Santa Rosa General Fund
 - \$ 496,911 – City of Santa Rosa General Fund – Expansion Funds
 - \$1,069,714 – Total

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On June 20, Council approved an Agreement for the Operation and Use of the Samuel L. Jones Hall Homeless Center Year-Round and Winter Shelter Programs (Agreement) in the amount of \$572,803, for the initial period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 (Year One), and continuing in effect until terminated subject to appropriation of funding by Council, the County of Sonoma, and the Community Foundation of Sonoma County, as funders of the Shelter, and by amendment to the Agreement. Council also authorized the allocation of funding from the \$600,000 (Expansion Funds) approved as part of the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 budget for the expansion of the Winter Shelter Program into a year-round 50-bed housing focused shelter.

On July 11, 2017, Council made directed staff to consolidate the Year-Round and Winter Shelter Programs into a 188-bed year-round housing-focused shelter (Housing-Focused Program), necessitating an amendment to the Agreement.

ANALYSIS

1. Consolidation of the Year-Round and Winter Shelter Programs into a Housing-Focused Program may be achieved under the flexibility provided by the proclamation of local homeless emergency without the need for a formal modification to the Conditional Use Permit and by amendment to the Agreement approved by Council on June 20.
2. The Housing-Focused Program budget includes new positions for housing locator, housing navigator, and housing stabilization case manager to facilitate exits to housing and ensure housing retention, in alignment with Housing First protocols. The scope of work has been modified to reflect this new program model and incorporated into the reporting requirements.
3. Catholic Charities has successfully operated the Shelter for more than eleven (11) years, including the Winter Shelter Program for the past four (4) years; responded to neighborhood concerns in a timely manner; and met compliance reporting requirements.
4. Support of the Housing-Focused Program at the Shelter, along with the other homeless services programs supported by the City, aligns with the Council's priority to address homelessness in our community and its Housing First Strategy.
5. Staff seeks approval of the Amendment.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed Amendment, if approved, will provide \$1,069,714 for the Housing-Focused Program broken down as follows: \$338,303 from the General Fund, appropriated in the FY 2017/2018 adopted General Fund budget, \$496,911 from General Funds appropriated as Expansion Funds in the FY 2017/2018 adopted General Fund budget, with the balance coming from the Community Foundation of Sonoma County (\$69,500) and the County of Sonoma (\$165,000).

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed services under the Amendment 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 (Amendment)

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