

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: KELLI KUYKENDALL, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
MANAGER
SUBJECT: HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
AMENDMENT TO GRANT AGREEMENT FOR HOMELESS
OUTREACH SERVICES TEAM (HOST) PROGRAM

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department that the Council, by resolution, approve an Amendment to Grant Agreement for Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST) Program with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, in the amount of \$20,000, bringing the total amount under the agreement to \$486,450 for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff is seeking approval of an Amendment to Grant Agreement for Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST) Program with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa (Amendment), in the amount of \$20,000, bringing the total amount under the agreement to \$486,450 for Fiscal Year 2017/2018. The purpose of the additional funding is to reimburse Catholic Charities for expenses incurred to continue operation of the shelter at the Finley Community Center for a one-week period and to assess shelter clients and develop a shelter and housing placement plan.

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. The Council first funded a City-sponsored HOST Program in August 2015 for Fiscal Year 2015/2016; renewed funding for Fiscal Year 2016/2017; and on June 20, 2017 approved a Grant Agreement for Homeless Outreach Services Team Program, in the amount of \$466,450, for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 (Fiscal Year 2017/2018).

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.
3. On October 9, 2017, the City Manager, in his capacity as Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed the existence of local emergency in the City of Santa Rosa as a result of the fire emergency, which further exacerbated the shelter and housing crisis in our community.
4. In anticipation of the Red Cross closing the shelters at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds and Finley Community Center on November 1, the City Manager asked Catholic Charities to continue operation of the shelter at the Finley Community Center for a one-week period and to assess shelter clients and develop a shelter and housing placement plan. Catholic Charities assumed operation of the shelter for the period November 1, 2017 to November 7, 2017.
5. The Sonoma County Community Development Commission (Sonoma County CDC) has agreed to contribute up to \$10,000 towards the cost of continuing operation of the shelter at the Finley Community Center. Staff is currently working with the Sonoma County CDC on a funding agreement to formalize this commitment of funds.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On August 11, 2015, Council, by Resolution No. 28678, approved a grant agreement for the HOST Program, in the amount of \$415,000, with Catholic Charities for the period August 11, 2015 to June 30, 2016 (Fiscal Year 2015/2016).

On November 3, 2015, Council, by Resolution No. 28707, approved an amendment to the grant agreement for the HOST Program, in the amount of \$87,450, with Catholic Charities for the purchase and operation of a mobile bathroom-shower trailer, bringing the total grant under the agreement to \$502,450 (Fiscal Year 2015/2016).

On June 14, 2016, Council, by Resolution No. 28793, approved a grant agreement for the HOST Program, in the amount of \$466,450, with Catholic Charities for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 (Fiscal Year 2016/2017).

On February 14, 2017, Council, by Resolution No. RES-2017-021, approved an amendment to the agreement for the HOST Program, in the amount of \$125,000, with Catholic Charities bringing the total grant under the agreement to \$591,450 (Fiscal Year 2016/2017).

On June 20, 2017, Council, by Resolution No. RES-2017-115, approved a Grant Agreement for Homeless Outreach Services Team Program, in the amount of \$466,450,

for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 (Fiscal Year 2017/2018).

ANALYSIS

1. The proposed Amendment, if approved, will provide funding to reimburse Catholic Charities for expenses incurred to continue operation of the shelter at the Finley Community Center for a one-week period and to assess shelter clients and develop a shelter and housing placement plan.
2. Staff is seeking Council's approval to execute the Amendment.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed amendment adds \$20,000 to the agreement with Catholic Charities for additional shelter and assessment services. This amount was not anticipated and is not included in the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 adopted budget. Staff is currently analyzing budget impacts to all departments due to the recent fire disaster and will be coming back to Council at mid-year with amendments to the budget to address these impacts. This amount may be included in that requested amendment.

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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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