

City of Santa Rosa



Legislation Details

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Title:	REPORT - ESTABLISH A HOUSING FIRST FUND (LANDLORD INCENTIVES, RISK MITIGATION, TENANT ASSISTANCE), AND HOUSING FIRST HOMELESS SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTERS				

BACKGROUND: On July 11, 2017, Council, by motion, confirmed its direction on homeless services programing, including but not limited to the creation of a fund to provide landlord incentives, risk mitigation, and tenant assistance (Housing First Fund). Staff has collaborated with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa (Catholic Charities) to develop a budget, in the amount of \$534,000, and is seeking Council's interest in supporting a Housing First Fund.

On November 14, 2017, Council approved a Grant Agreement for Homeless Services Center with Catholic Charities, in the amount of \$100,000, for the period of November 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 to expand the program's hours of operation as part of the City's Homeless Encampment Assistance Pilot Program. Council also directed staff to return with a budget and program to align the Homeless Services Center with the Housing First model for further consideration. Based on direction given by Council to staff on July 11, 2017, an evaluation of all City-sponsored programs in alignment with Housing First was to be completed as part of the Homeless System of Care Redesign, which is currently underway. Following Council's direction on July 11, 2017 and November 14, 2017, staff has collaborated with Catholic Charities to develop budgets for two City-sponsored programs, Homeless Services Center (\$218,000) and Family Support Center (\$100,000), and is seeking Council's interest in aligning these programs with the Housing First model.

Staff also seeks direction to amend the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 adopted budget within the General Fund and Homeless Shelter Operations Fund to appropriate funding for these purposes in the total amount of \$852,000 or to defer the appropriation of funding for these purposes until the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 budget process.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department that the Council, by resolution, approve the following 1) creation of a Housing First Fund to provide landlord incentives, risk mitigation, and tenant assistance; 2) alignment of the Homeless Services Center, a City-sponsored program operated by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, with the Housing First model; 3) alignment of the Family Support Center, also a City-sponsored program operated by Catholic Charities, with the Housing First model; and 4) amend the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 adopted budget within the General Fund and Homeless Shelter Operations Fund to appropriate funding for these purposes in the total annual amount of \$852,000; or, by motion, defer the appropriation of funding for these purposes until the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 budget process.

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