



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JANUARY 17, 2023

FROM: OFFICE OF HOMELESS SOLUTIONS WARD: 1

SUBJECT: SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT FOR THE HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE, AND PREVENTION (HHAP) ROUND 3 WITH VICTORY OUTREACH CHURCH FOR \$280,216 TO CONNECT HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS BEING RELEASED FROM THE RIVERSIDE PRESLEY DETENTION CENTER TO PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

ISSUE:

Approve a Subrecipient Agreement for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 3 with Victory Outreach Church for \$280,216 to connect homeless individuals being released from the Riverside Presley Detention Center to programs and resources.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve a Subrecipient Agreement for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 3 with Victory Outreach Church for \$280,216 to connect homeless individuals being released from the Riverside Presley Detention Center to programs and resources; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Subrecipient Agreement for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 3 with Victory Outreach Church, including making any minor, non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

The Office of the Mayor has identified a strong partner within Victory Outreach Church to provide much needed reentry support to marginalized populations. Victory Outreach staff with lived experience will provide reentry services to individuals being released from Robert Presley Detention Center (RPDC) who have self-reported as homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness upon their release. This coordinated reentry response for the target population will address those experiencing homelessness at release to offer resources and support.

On December 10, 2021, the Mayor convened a meeting with the Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) and Victory Outreach to discuss what items were important to the success of Project Connect and the next steps for implementation.

On August 9, 2022, the Office of the Mayor and the OHS met with the Assistant Sheriff, Edward

Delgado, and staff to discuss access to RPDC with the intent to begin in-reach services through OHS and coordinated release.

On November 9, 2022, the Officer of Homeless Solutions completed a background interview with the Sheriff’s Department which will allow Dr. Villarreal access into RPDC.

DISCUSSION:

According to the 2022 Point-In-Time Count, 20% of individuals experiencing homelessness self-reported previous justice involvement. According to a 2018 report from the Prison Policy Initiative, 50,000 individuals who access shelters upon release from correctional facilities, compared with the general public, are much more likely to become homeless. Each time a person recidivates, the rate at which homelessness is experienced grows exponentially; poverty increases the rate of recidivism.

At the request of the Mayor’s Office, Project Connect will address the epidemic of homelessness among justice-involved individuals through coordination between the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department, Office of Homeless Solutions, and Victory Outreach.

The transition from incarceration to reentering society comes with an array of barriers, including a lack of employment opportunities, housing discrimination, and the need for support and resources to navigate what comes next. The Office of Homeless Solutions intends to positively impact individuals who self-reported as homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness upon release. Additionally, coordinating a warm hand-off to Victory Outreach, who will continue case management services, will strengthen the jail in-reach activity. Through this coordinated effort, this vulnerable population will have the opportunity to receive assistance to avoid homelessness.

The proposed program budget is \$280,216, which is detailed below.

Activity	Total Expense
Supplies and Services	
Rent - Leased Office and Parking Space	\$ 9,078
Utilities/ lights/Internet (RPU to assist)	\$ 6,200
Liability Insurance	\$ 2,000
Workman’s Compensation Insurance	\$ 2,000
Supplies/Office supplies	\$ 45,000
Other costs: Desktop computer or laptop and printer	\$ 2,500
Transportation to point of origin	\$ 25,000
Total Supplies and Services Costs	\$ 91,778
Personnel	
Supervisor (\$41.57/hourly rate, 40 hrs. per week)	\$ 44,866
Counselors (4 part-time staff, \$21.57/hourly rate 32 hours a week)	\$ 143,572
Total Personnel Costs	\$ 188,438
Total Project Costs	\$ 280,216

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

The Project supports **Strategic Priority 2 – Community Well-Being**, specifically, Goal 2.1 – to

facilitate the development of quality and diverse housing supply that is available and affordable to a wide range of income levels; and Goal 2.2 – to collaborate with partner agencies to improve household resiliency and reduce the incidence and duration of homelessness.

1. **Community Trust** – The City of Riverside has identified the need for affordable housing as a priority need in the City’s Housing Element process. The Housing Element outreach process gathered information from specific focus groups and interviews with various organizations and service providers in the housing and community development field, as well as residents of the city.
2. **Equity** – Pursuant to the Housing Community Act of 1974, the US Department of HUD provides critical priority for the funding to ensure all eligible persons receive equitable access to service and are served with dignity, respect, and compassion regardless of the circumstances, ability, or identity.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – Funding for this Project is coming directly from the County of Riverside.
4. **Innovation** – The Project will increase the number of Permanent Supportive Housing units provided at 2800 Hulen Place by expanding into the warehouse space.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The Project promotes a sustainable community and economic development and projects to encourage community engagement and resiliency.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of the action is \$280,216. Funds are budgeted and available in the Development Grants Fund, HHAP 3 Grant Services Project account number 9344440-440210.

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Approved as to form: Phaedra A. Norton, City Attorney

Attachment: Subrecipient Agreement for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 3 with Victory Outreach Church