



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: AUGUST 14, 2018

FROM: MAYOR BAILEY WARDS: ALL
COUNCIL MEMBER JIM PERRY

SUBJECT: MEASURE Z – GRANT AGREEMENT WITH PATH OF LIFE MINISTRIES TO ADMINISTER A PILOT SOCIAL WORK INTERNSHIP PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR – AUTHORIZE UP TO \$45,000 OF MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED MEASURE Z FUNDING ALLOCATION TO THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS SOLUTIONS

ISSUE:

Approve a Grant Agreement with Path of Life Ministries to administer a pilot Social Work Internship Program in partnership with the Office of the Mayor, and authorize up to \$45,000 of matching funds from the previously appropriated Measure Z funding allocation to the Office Homeless Solutions.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Grant Agreement with Path of Life Ministries to administer a pilot Social Work Internship Program in partnership with the Office of the Mayor;
2. Authorize the reallocation of up to \$45,000 of matching funds from the previously appropriated Measure Z funding allocation to the Office of Homeless Solutions; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Grant Agreement, including making any minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND

In 2013, La Sierra University Church (LSUSDA) launched a pilot internship program with La Sierra University’s Department of Social Work. These interns, well equipped with knowledge about services and resources in the City and County, were able to provide long-term solutions for homeless individuals and walk-in clients who entered the church. By having interns on site, LSUSDA was for the first time able to track what services were being requested most frequently and build a network of service providers in the area. This not only helped to increase the impact

they were having in the neighborhoods they were serving, but in doing so, they unexpectedly saw a decrease in the number of repeat clients they were serving.

The Office of the Mayor seeks to expand the social work internship program first developed at LSUSDA, to other faith-based organizations across our city. The high level aim of the program is to expand the outreach, housing location, housing navigation and wraparound supportive services currently being offered by the city's outreach team and Path of Life Ministries, as a means of keeping up with demand. Further, the program aims to ensure that as we move forward with the development of Housing First units on faith-based properties, that the faith-based organizations and the residents they serve be connected to a network of highly-trained professionals in the city.

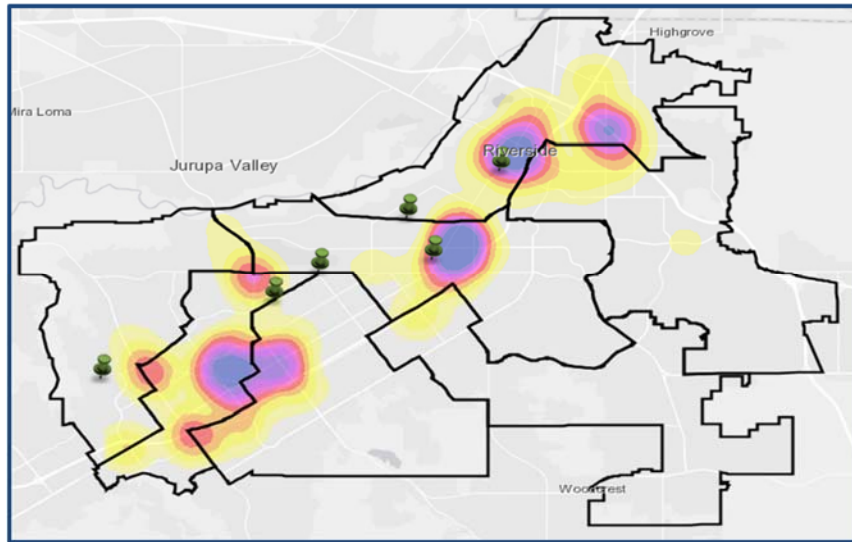
DISCUSSION

As the City moves to increase housing for its neighbors without homes, it is necessary to expand the social work presence for outreach, housing location, housing navigation, and wraparound supportive services. Given the limited financial resources available to address this ongoing and complex public policy challenge, the use of creative public-private partnerships must be pursued.

The proposed pilot program seeks to place 13 social work interns (under professional supervision) at faith-based organizations, with the aim of expanding social work presence in the city. To bring this pilot program to fruition, the partnership between the Office of the Mayor and Path of Life Ministries needs to raise \$100,000 to fund the salary and overhead expenses associated with hiring a licensed clinical social worker who will serve as the field supervisor for the 13 social work interns. This team member will supervise the interns and will also be responsible for seeking long-term grant and foundation-type funding to continue the program. In an effort to hire and train this individual in the most expedient manner possible, and to ensure this person has ample training and support from other social work professionals already working in this realm, Path of Life will hire and employ the licensed clinical social worker.

The Office of the Mayor is leading fundraising efforts, and has raised \$45,000 to date with several notable requests pending. To proceed with the proposed program, which is intended to commence in fall 2018, it is requested the City Council reallocate up to \$45,000 of matching funds from the previously approved Measure Z funding allocation to the Office of Homeless Solutions in order to cover the current gap in funding. The Office of the Mayor will continue to engage in fundraising efforts for this program to reduce or eliminate the need for any of the requested funding.

Under the proposed program, supervised social work interns will work out of six faith-based organizations across the city. Placements will have the added benefit of allowing the social work interns to capitalize on high traffic volumes and also pre-established trust based relationships. Faith-based organizations were selected based on proximity to 311 hot-spots data (map below), potential long-term involvement in housing, the capacity of the faith-based organization to actively participate in this program, and the strength of interest and support they have offered to the Love Your Neighbor Initiative. The participating faith-based organizations include: Calvary Presbyterian Church, Faith Lutheran Community Church, Hope Community Church, La Sierra University Church, Riverside Community Church, and Sandals – Palm Avenue.



Under the proposed program, interns will be tasked to provide the following services for neighbors/families without homes and neighbors/families on the brink of homelessness:

- Conduct Outreach Services;
- Ensure clients are document-ready (social security cards and IDs);
- Perform mental health screening;
- Provide housing location and navigation services;
- Connect and advocate for services;
- Identify and report back any systemic barriers to access health care in the city;
- Gather specific data points for program evaluation; and,
- Provide professional developments to willing congregants.

One notable project involves Calvary Presbyterian Church who shares a parking lot with Riverside Community Hospital. Riverside Community Hospital has agreed to serve as a partner on this project, bridging a referral process by connecting outpatient/emergency room clients to the social work services.

The partnership aims to close the gap in the delivery of services from the hospital to the wider network of services in the city, and in doing so create access to a comprehensive and coordinated system of care across the behavioral and social healthcare continuum. One of the questions that we'll explore with this particular project is the impact that psycho-social distress has on hospital readmission rates for homeless. During the course of the internship, interns will be tasked with identifying other such gaps in the delivery of homeless services.

Partners

The following organizations are involved in this public private partnership.

Administration	Academic Partners	Faith-Based Organizations	Funding	Health Care
Office of the Mayor	La Sierra University	Faith Lutheran Community Church	Riverside Ending Homelessness Fund	Riverside Community Hospital
Path of Life	California Baptist University	Hope Community Church	Magnon Foundation	

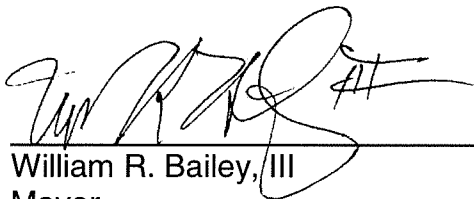
City of Riverside	Loma Linda University	Sandals Church	Sandals Church	
		Riverside Community Church	Community Development Funds- Supervisor Tavaglione	
		La Sierra University Church	County or Riverside	

The Director of the Office of Homeless Solutions concurs with this report.

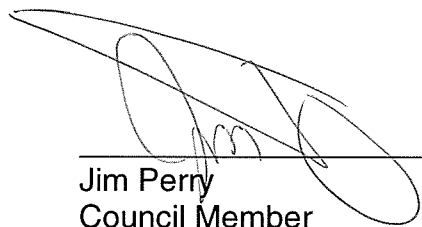
FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of this action is to reallocate \$45,000 from a previously appropriated Measure Z funding allocated to the Office of Homeless Solutions. The funding is available in the Office of Homeless Solutions account 2855319-421000.

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Attachment: Memorandum of Understanding