



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: NOVEMBER 28, 2023**

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES **WARDS: ALL**

SUBJECT: SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT FOR THE HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE, AND PREVENTION PROGRAM ROUND 1 FUNDING WITH PATH OF LIFE MINISTRIES FOR \$233,600 TO COVER OPERATION COSTS FOR EIGHT DEDICATED TRANSITIONAL YOUTH BEDS AT THE RIVERSIDE EMERGENCY SHELTER LOCATED AT 2840 HULEN PLACE, RIVERSIDE, CA

ISSUE:

Approve a Subrecipient Agreement for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Round 1 Funding with Path of Life Ministries for \$233,600 to cover operation costs for eight dedicated transitional youth beds at the Riverside Emergency Shelter located at 2840 Hulen Place, Riverside, CA.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Subrecipient Agreement for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Round 1 Funding with Path of Life Ministries for \$233,600 to cover operation costs for eight dedicated transitional youth beds at the Riverside Emergency Shelter located at 2840 Hulen Place, Riverside, CA.; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Subrecipient Agreement for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Round 1 Funding with Path of Life Ministries including making minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

On September 27, 2023, the Department of Housing and Human Services kicked off the Mayor's Initiative to Ending Youth Homelessness to help prevent and end youth homelessness at functional zero, which indicates a community has measurably solved homelessness for a population. Every community has a functional zero threshold that identifies the average number of people exiting homelessness in a month. When a community achieves functional zero for a population, it is keeping the number of people experiencing homelessness below this threshold. This means that the number of people experiencing homelessness at any time does not exceed the community's proven record of housing at least that many people in a month.

To achieve this goal, the City has partnered with CASA for Riverside County, Heling Hearts Hulen, Lutheran Social Services, Operation Safehouse, Path of Life Ministries Riverside Community College, Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions, Riverside County Public Defender's SPARK, Riverside University Health Systems – Behavioral Health and HHOPE Program, Starting Over, TruEvolution, and UC Riverside.

On October 31, 2023, there were 59 individuals on the City of Riverside Transitional Age Youth (TAY) By Name List. There are three service providers that will be providing rapid re-housing and case management to individuals on the TAY By Name List.

DISCUSSION:

In the city of Riverside, there are four (4) TAY emergency shelter beds that are operated by Operation Safehouse. To support the Mayor's Initiative to Ending Homelessness and meet the needs for TAY emergency shelter beds, staff is requesting to enter into a Subrecipient Agreement for the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Round 1 with Path of Life Ministries for \$233,600 to purchase eight (8) dedicated beds at the Riverside Emergency Shelter located at 2840 Hulen Place. The per bed night rate is \$80.

When beds become available at Operation Safehouse's emergency shelter, they will transfer TAY guests from the Riverside Emergency Shelter to their facility to make a bed at the Path of Life's Riverside Emergency Shelter available for the next TAY.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

The addition of dedicated shelter beds at the Riverside Emergency Shelter contributes to **Strategic Priority 2 - Community Well-Being, Goal No. 2.5** – Foster relationships between community members, partners, organizations and public safety professionals to define, prioritize, and address community and social service needs. The Project aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** –Activities and actions by the City serve the public interest, benefit the City's diverse populations, and result in greater public good.
2. **Equity** – All individuals will be treated with dignity, respect, and compassionate regardless of the circumstances, ability, or identity.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The City will utilize Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention grant funds to support the TAY dedicated shelter beds alleviating placing any pressure on the City's financial resources.
4. **Innovation** – Riverside is inventive and timely in meeting the community's changing needs and prepares for the future through collaborative partnerships and adaptive process that benefits a broad resident base.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – Riverside is committed to meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of the future and ensuring the City's capacity to preserve, adapt and grow during good and difficult times alike.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this action is \$233,600. Funds are budgeted and available in the Development Grants Fund, CD-Grants, HHAP Youth Homelessness Account No. 9341880-440210.

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availability of funds: Kristie Thomas, Finance Director/Assistant Chief Financial Officer
Approved by: Mike Futrell, City Manager
Approved as to form: Phaedra Norton, City Attorney

Attachment: Subrecipient Agreement for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Round 1 Funding with Path of Life Ministries