

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 02HOMELESS STRATEGIES FUNDING

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Agreements with Listed Homeless Service Agencies in an Amount Up to \$3,840,039.00 for Homeless Strategies Initiatives and Authorize Three Annual Renewal Options in a Combined Amount Up to \$11,520,117.00

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute agreements with agencies listed below in a combined amount up to \$3,840,039.00 for a term commencing October 1, 2025 and terminating September 30, 2026 for Homeless Strategies initiatives;
2. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to renew the agreements for Fiscal Years 2027, 2028 and 2029 with the agencies listed below in a combined amount of up to \$11,520,117.00 for Homeless Strategies initiatives dependent on funds being appropriated for Homeless Strategies; and
3. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to amend the agreements if necessary to achieve program goals provided the amendment is within the scope of the program and in compliance with City policies and applicable laws and regulations.

DISCUSSION:

In the fall of 2024, City of Fort Worth Homeless Strategies staff facilitated discussions with approximately 300 local stakeholders from four different groups: City elected officials and staff, homeless service agency staff, neighborhoods/community partners, and individuals who have experienced homelessness. The purpose was to understand the changing landscape of the homeless system in Fort Worth over the past several years as well as priorities for each group.

The overwhelming feedback received was that the City should concentrate its resources and efforts on resolving unsheltered homelessness and related issues. Unsheltered homelessness refers to individuals who are both experiencing homelessness and not in a shelter, which includes sleeping outside, in abandoned buildings, under underpasses, in parks, and similar.

Homeless Strategies used this feedback to create a Request for Proposals (RFP) that reflected this priority as well as homeless system needs.

The RFP sought to fund programs which either prioritized or solely served the unsheltered population. Through this reprioritization, three programs that receive funding in Fiscal Year (FY) 25, rapid rehousing case management, system data, and mental health services for permanent supportive housing (PSH) clients, were not include in this RFP, and the funding for these program categories was reallocated into flexible fund administration and street outreach. However, staff identified that mental health services for PSH clients can be absorbed in the High ImpACT Program and system data can continue under alternate funding outside of the City. Because it is still in pilot stage, the High ImpACT Program was not part of the RFP.

The City Manager's Homeless Strategies issued a RFP seeking agencies to:

1. Provide overflow sheltering in cold weather;
2. Provide street outreach services to unsheltered;
3. Provide critical document services (assistance in obtaining identification documents) to unsheltered;
4. Provide rapid exit services to employed homeless households;
5. Provide case management to permanent supportive housing clients; and
6. Provide administration of flexible funds used to quickly connect clients with housing through family unification or other one-time assistance.

Proposals were scored based on the strength of the project description, project experience or training plan, agency financial capacity, and compliance.

The RFP was advertised in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on March 19, 2025. The City also posted the RFP information on the City website. Partnership Home. Partnership Home (formerly Tarrant County Homeless Coalition), the lead coordinating agency for all homeless agencies in Tarrant and Parker counties, sent the City RFP information to all partner agencies twice.

The RFP opened in Neighborly on March 19, 2025 and closed on April 16, 2025. The City received 16 responses. Staff from Homeless Strategies and the Neighborhood Services Department evaluated the proposals and found the below listed agencies to be experienced and well equipped to perform the needed services.

The contract for overflow sheltering in cold weather shelter will be awarded at a later time.

Any renewals are contingent on funds being appropriated as well as performance and City priorities. Funding will be budgeted in Other

Contractual Services account within the General Fund for the City Manager's Department for the Fiscal Year 2026.

City staff recommends awarding agreements to the listed agencies in the amounts listed below:

Initiative	Description	Agency	Funding FY 26
Rapid Exit – unsheltered preference	Quickly assist 360 employed households to exit homelessness with one-time financial assistance	Presbyterian Night Shelter	Up to \$1,556,746.00
Critical Document Services – solely unsheltered	Assist 360 people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in obtaining identification	DRC Solutions	Up to \$150,000.00
Case Management for Permanent Supportive Housing Clients - unsheltered preference	Provide intensive case management services to at least 175 permanent supportive housing clients	My Health, My Resources of Tarrant County	Up to \$722,143.00
Case Management for Permanent Supportive Housing Clients - unsheltered preference	Provide intensive case management services to at least 105 permanent supportive housing clients	DRC Solutions	Up to \$380,132.00
Case Management for Permanent Supportive Housing Clients - unsheltered preference	Provide intensive case management services to at least 20 permanent supportive housing clients	Presbyterian Night Shelter	Up to \$73,702.00
Street Outreach - solely unsheltered	Provide street outreach services to those experiencing unsheltered homelessness in coordination with the HOPE Team	DRC Solutions	Up to \$457,316.00
Flexible Fund Administration - unsheltered preference	Administer flexible funds to homeless service providers to include the following services: critical documents, diversion,	Partnership Home	Up to \$500,000.00

	transportation, family cold weather sheltering, cooling station services, and fees not covered by housing programs		
TOTAL			Up to \$3,840,039.00

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget by the City Council, funds will be available in the Fiscal Year 2026 operating budget, as appropriated, in the General Fund. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the City Manager's Office has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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