



To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

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SUBJECT: HOMELESS STRATEGIES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The purpose of this Informal Report is to provide an update on the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Homeless Strategies funding. On January 14, 2025, City Council heard a presentation that included information regarding stakeholder input and how it impacted the upcoming Homeless Strategies RFP. An M&C to execute award agreements with the recommended agencies is planned for the June 10, 2025 City Council agenda.

Context:

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.

Re-focused Request for Proposals:

Homeless Strategies used this feedback to create an RFP that reflected this priority as well as other 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 included 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. Since the High ImpACT Program is still in pilot stage, it was not part of the RFP.

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

1. Provide overflow sheltering in cold weather;
2. Provide street outreach services to the unsheltered;
3. Provide critical document services (assistance in obtaining identification documents) to the unsheltered;
4. Provide rapid exit services to employed homeless households;
5. Provide case management to PSH clients; and



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6. Provide administration of flexible funds used to quickly connect clients with housing through family unification or other one-time assistance.

Scoring:

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 (formerly Tarrant County Homeless Coalition), the lead coordinating agency for all homeless agencies in Tarrant and Parker counties, sent the 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.

Staff Recommendations:

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

Initiative	Description	Agency	Recommended Funding for 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	Provide intensive case management services to at	DRC Solutions	Up to \$380,132.00


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Housing Clients - unsheltered preference	least 105 permanent supportive housing clients		
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, transportation, family cold weather sheltering, cooling station services, and fees not covered by housing programs	Partnership Home	Up to \$500,000.00
TOTAL			Up to \$3,840,039.00

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