



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

City of Anaheim OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2018
FROM: OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER,
SUBJECT: AGREEMENT TO CONSTRUCT AN INTERIM EMERGENCY
SHELTER, WITH SERVICES AT 2040 AND 2050 S. STATE
COLLEGE BLVD.

ATTACHMENT (Y/N): YES **ITEM # 01**

ACTION:

That the City Council discuss and consider the following, by Motion:

1. Approve a Reimbursement Agreement, in substantial form, with Visit Anaheim Cares, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for the purposes of constructing an Interim Emergency Homeless Shelter and for the purchase of furnishings to be located at 2040 and 2050 S. State College Blvd., to serve up to 200 individuals for at least 60 days, and authorize the City Manager to execute and administer the Agreement, and other documents as may be necessary to implement the Agreement, on behalf of the City;
2. Waive Council Policy 4.1 and authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement, in substantial form, with Illumination Foundation, in an amount not to exceed \$805,000 to operate an interim emergency homeless shelter for start-up costs and services for a 90-day period, subject to preconditions being satisfied and review and approval by the City Attorney;
3. Determine this action is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15301 (categorical exemption for existing facilities), 15303 (categorical exemption for new construction or conversion of small structures), 15304 (categorical exemption for minor alterations to land), and 15332 (categorical exemption for in-fill development projects). Additionally, none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions identified in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply; and
4. Increase City Administration FY 2018/19 budget by \$1,405,000 for the Reimbursement Agreement and Operating Agreement of the interim emergency homeless shelter.

DISCUSSION:

On November 13, 2018, the City Council approved an agreement with the Salvation Army to fund and construct a low barrier 200-bed temporary homeless shelter at 1340 S. Lewis Street. The anticipated opening of this shelter is January 2019. On December

3, 2018, the City Council approved an agreement to purchase property located at 3035 E. La Mesa Street to construct and fund a second low barrier 125-bed temporary homeless shelter. This shelter is anticipated to be operational in February 2019. Both staff reports are attached for reference.

At the December 4, 2018 Council meeting, Mayor Sidhu called for a special meeting for December 6, 2018 to have City Council consider opening an interim emergency shelter within 3 weeks to provide shelter to the homeless until the opening of the 325-bed temporary shelters. The interim emergency shelter location, 2040 and 2050 S. State College Blvd. was provided to city staff by Mayor Sidhu.

The Reimbursement Agreement with Visit Anaheim Cares, Inc., a non-profit corporation, would provide for the reimbursement of costs associated with the needed building improvements for the 200 bed interim emergency shelter, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000. If approved, the shelter would be operational within three (3) weeks; it is intended to be temporary for at least 60-90 days, however would remain available until 325 shelter beds are online, whichever occurs first. This gap measure will ensure immediate and ongoing shelter is provided to Anaheim's homeless men, women, and families during the coldest months while construction of the City's longer-term shelters at the Salvation Army and La Mesa Street are being built. Further, the opening of the interim emergency shelter is expected to reduce encampments by providing an alternative shelter outside of city parks, sidewalks, neighborhoods and businesses. This will assist the city with greater ability to enforce its anti-camping, public property storage laws, and park hours, thereby addressing the issues our residents and businesses are experiencing.

The agreement with Illumination Foundation would provide needed services to the homeless. To ensure surrounding businesses and neighborhoods are not adversely impacted, Illumination Foundation will work closely with the City and the Police Department on an operational and security plan. Loitering will not be allowed and an intake process will be implemented to ensure a controlled environment for the safety of shelter residents and preservation of the surrounding area. Homeless individuals at this shelter will have the benefit of receiving needed services and will be relocated to the city's more permanent shelters, once constructed. It is anticipated that the cost associated with Illumination Foundation will not be reached if the target dates for the two shelters are met. Additionally, certain furnishings purchased for this location may be moved to the permanent La Mesa shelter, thereby reducing start-up costs at La Mesa.

If approved, the city will coordinate efforts with the County of Orange, City Net, Drug Free Anaheim and other non-profits to notify unsheltered individuals of this short-term shelter location.

With the opening of this interim emergency shelter and the associated service provided at this venue, staff anticipates positive impacts to our parks, sidewalks, neighborhoods, and businesses, as well as the lives of many homeless individuals.

Environmental Impact Analysis: Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15301 (categorical exemption for existing facilities), 15303 (categorical exemption for new construction or conversion of small structures), 15304 (categorical exemption for minor alterations to land), and 15332 (categorical exemption for in-fill development projects), this action is categorically exempt from CEQA. Additionally, none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions identified in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

After determining that this Project is Categorically Exempt from CEQA, the City will file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk, which starts a 35-day statute of limitations for challenges of the decision.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

The City Administration Department's fiscal year 2018/19 budget will be increased by \$1,405,000. Funding will come from General Fund reserves as a result of land sales and other operational surpluses.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Zapata
City Manager

Attachments:

1. Nov. 13, 2018 City Council staff report (Salvation Army, 200 bed shelter)
2. Dec. 3, 2018 City Council staff report (3035 La Mesa, 200 bed shelter)
3. Agreement with Illumination Foundation (substantial form)
4. Agreement with Visit Anaheim Cares (substantial form)