

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-0296**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

September 13, 2022

### **Non-Congregate Shelter Response - Continuation of Emergency Response Program and Additional FEMA Reimbursement Budget Authority for Motel Voucher Program and Related Contract Extensions**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. According to the 2022 Point in Time Homeless Count released by the Sacramento County Continuum of Care, the County of Sacramento had a homeless population of 9,278 individuals, an increase of 67% since 2019.
- B. Despite thousands of residents temporarily and permanently housed through local housing developments and programs, large congregate temporary shelters, scattered site housing, and temporary motel vouchers during the past four years, the numbers of homeless individuals and families are increasing. In particular, since 2019, housing affordability has worsened, with rising rents and high demands on housing, with measured construction and inadequate housing cost affordability.
- C. On March 13, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-0075 declaring the existence of a local emergency relating to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 pandemic (COVID-19).
- D. COVID-19, with its devastating impact on public health and further exacerbated the issues surrounding homelessness in the City of Sacramento and increased the existing shelter crisis. Despite ongoing local rental assistance and homeless prevention investments and nearly \$60 million recently allocated to address homelessness and affordable housing, the numbers of homeless individuals and families are increasing, the weather has been worsening, and therefore the response by the City must also continue.
- E. In mid-December 2020, the City utilized \$250,000 of existing resources from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) to establish a non-congregate sheltering program in light of the local public emergency and need for assistance, as well as limited capacity in other local programs and the need to expand non-congregate services.
- F. On January 12, 2021, the City Council approved the continuation of a local declaration of a shelter crisis and extended the duration of the present shelter crisis through January 12, 2022.

- G. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act allocated a second round of Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus funding (ESG-CV2) to the City of Sacramento based upon a new formula in the amount of \$10,205,871. Resources were provided to this program from this allocation in March 2021.
- H. On January 27, 2021, with ever-pressing COVID-19 threats and the need for expanded non-congregate sheltering options in light of extreme weather conditions, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-0023, proclaiming the existence of a Local Public Emergency relating to persons experiencing homelessness in extreme winter weather conditions and amongst the pandemic.
- I. On March 2, 2021, and on February 8, 2022, the City Council continued the Motel Voucher Program with additional resources and services, utilizing local resources for non-FEMA qualified households and pursuing FEMA Reimbursement where possible.
- J. The emergency need for non-congregate shelter continues, and shelter is necessary to address due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health threat that threatens the unhoused population.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.**

The City Council recognizes the urgent need to continue to offer the local unhoused population, facing imminent health and safety threats, with noncongregate shelter and authorizes the City Manager to continue to provide motel vouchers and related services for unsheltered households qualified to receive federal funding support as long as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), at the direction of the President, continues to allow for seeking 90 percent reimbursement for the most COVID-19 at-risk members of the unsheltered population.

**SECTION 2.**

The City Manager or the City Manager's designee is authorized to execute 1) Supplemental Agreement No. 4 to City Agreement No. 2021-0344 with Sky Riders Motel for an amount not to-exceed \$350,000, bringing the total not-to-exceed amount to \$1,349,999; 2) Supplemental Agreement No. 11 to City Agreement No. 2020-4352 with Shree Enterprise, LLC for an amount not-to-exceed \$950,000, bringing the total not-to-exceed amount to \$4,499,150; and 3) Supplemental Agreement No. 4 to City Agreement No. 2021-1128 with Siyaram Hotels, LLC for an amount not-to-exceed \$350,000, bringing the total not-to-exceed amount to \$1,449,997 through September 30, 2022.

**SECTION 3.**

The City Manager or the City Manager's designee is authorized to transfer \$1,650,000 (ARPA Reinvestment Fund, Fund 1003) from the expenditure budget of the Community Response MYOP (I23000100) to the expenditure budget of the C19-Homeless Response Program (G02001700).

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on September 13, 2022, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Ashby, Guerra, Harris, Jennings, Loloee, Schenirer, Valenzuela, Vang, and Mayor Steinberg

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Attest:



09/15/2022

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Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk

*The presence of an electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the Sacramento City Council.*