

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,
APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA AND
THURSTON COUNTY TO FUND SERVICES FOR PEOPLE IMPACTED BY HOMELESSNESS**

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2018, the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners (the County) declared homelessness a public health crisis in Thurston County, directing the Director of the Thurston County Public Health and Social Services to lead the response, committing support for community wide efforts to reduce homelessness; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2018, the Olympia City Council passed Ordinance No. 7146 finding and declaring a public health emergency relating to human health and environmental conditions caused by increasing homelessness in the City of Olympia (the City); and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”) was signed into law providing for over \$2 trillion relief for American workers, families, and small businesses, and to preserve jobs for American industries; and

WHEREAS, the County received an allocation of \$3,882,592 in federal Emergency Solutions Grant-COVID (ESG-CV) through the Washington State Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the County signed a grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce on March 19, 2020, for the Washington State COVID-19 Outbreak Emergency Housing Grant (EHG) for \$999,376; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the EHG Grant is to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak related to public health needs of people experiencing homelessness or otherwise in need of quarantine or isolation housing during the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the County collects funds as authorized under RCW 36.22.179 to support local homeless housing services in support of the County’s Five-Year Homeless Crisis Response Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Housing Council has recommended implementing a scattered site pilot project to provide site management and case management services to at least three sites where residents are living in vehicles or in an encampment; and

WHEREAS, people experiencing homelessness have lost access to hygiene services since the COVID-19 outbreak due to the closure of public hygiene facilities; and

WHEREAS, people experiencing homelessness have lost access to shelter services since the COVID-19 outbreak due to the social distance requirements in congregate shelter facilities; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to contract a portion of the EHG, ESG-CV, and other local resources the County has received to the City for hygiene, waste removal, and other related services for people

experiencing homelessness in Olympia and the Thurston County urban core to support hygiene best practices; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that engaging with the City for the disbursement of the EHG and ESG-CV would yield efficiencies not available to the County alone;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

1. The Olympia City Council hereby approves the form of Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Olympia and Thurston County to Fund Services for People Impacted by Homelessness and the terms and conditions contained therein.
2. The City Manager is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City of Olympia the Interlocal Agreement, and any other documents necessary to execute said Agreement, and to make any minor modifications or amendments as may be required and are consistent with the intent of the Agreement, or to correct any scrivener's errors.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____ 2021.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Barber

CITY ATTORNEY