

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA AND THURSTON COUNTY FOR THE FUNDING OF QUINCE STREET VILLAGE OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, RCW 39.34.010 permits local governmental units to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 39.34.080, each party is authorized to contract with any one or more other public agencies to perform any governmental service, activity, or undertaking which each public agency entering into the contract is authorized by law to perform; provided, that such contract shall be authorized by the governing body of each party to the contract and shall set forth its purposes, powers, rights, objectives and responsibilities of the contracting parties; and

WHEREAS, unsheltered and unmanaged homelessness constitutes a public health emergency that requires the City of Olympia (OLYMPIA) and Thurston County (COUNTY) to coordinate their resources and actions to work together to abate detrimental effects that threaten public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, neither OLYMPIA nor the COUNTY have sufficient resources to address the ongoing impacts or needs of unsheltered homelessness without mutual cooperation; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2022, OLYMPIA and the COUNTY entered into an Interlocal Agreement for sharing costs of acquisition, planning, development, and operations of property located at Franz Anderson Road, with the intent of addressing vehicle camping that was occurring along Ensign Road; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 1, 2023, OLYMPIA received a grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce to develop the Franz Anderson Road property for emergency housing for persons living along the State's right-of-way in Thurston County under the Governor's Right of Way Initiative; and

WHEREAS, OLYMPIA created and implemented a tiny house village on city-owned property located on Quince Steet known as Quince Street Village as temporary housing for persons residing in vehicles along Ensign Road and to relocate individuals living at OLYMPIA's downtown mitigation site; and

WHEREAS, Quince Street Village is a regional asset for those experiencing homelessness in Thurston County that accepts residents through the Coordinated Entry system that is used to prioritize persons experiencing homelessness throughout all of Thurston County; and

WHEREAS, costs of operating Quince Street Village are roughly \$1.4 million annually; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2022, OLYMPIA and the COUNTY entered into an Interlocal Agreement to combine the OLYMPIA and COUNTY Home fund resources, which was a primary revenue source for funding the operations of Quince Street Village that is no longer fully available to OLYMPIA; and

WHEREAS, OLYMPIA, working with the Regional Housing Council, has developed a plan for sustaining funding for Quince Street Village for two to three years through a combination of regional funding, funding from the Right-of-Way Initiative, funding from Thurston County under this Agreement, and funding from OLYMPIA; and

WHEREAS, in March 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to provide State, local, and Tribal Governments with the resources needed to respond to the pandemic and its economic effects; and

WHEREAS, local governments may transfer SLFRF funds to each other provided the entity receiving the funds agrees to certain conditions applicable to a subrecipient; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has identified \$600,000 of SLFRF funding to support operations at Quince Street Village; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determines it to be in the best interest of residents of the City of Olympia to enter into an interlocal agreement with Thurston County for funding of the Quince Street Village;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council hereby approves the form of Interlocal Agreement between the City of Olympia and Thurston County for the funding of Quince Street Village, pursuant to the terms and conditions contained therein.
2. The City Manager is directed and authorized to execute the attached Interlocal Agreement on behalf of the City of Olympia, and to make any minor modifications as may be required and are consistent with the intent of aforesaid Interlocal Agreement or correct any scrivener's errors.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____ 2023.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Barber

CITY ATTORNEY