



City Council

Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Olympia and Thurston County to Fund Services for People Impacted by Homelessness

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the Resolution authorizing the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Thurston County and City of Olympia to Fund Scattered Site Services for People Impacted by Homelessness and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.

Report

Issue:

Whether to authorize staff to proceed with an agreement between the City and Thurston County that would authorize an Interlocal Agreement for hygiene, garbage and other services for people experiencing homelessness impacted by the Coronavirus public health emergency through June 30, 2022.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item.

Background and Analysis:

This Interlocal Agreement authorizes staff to contract with Thurston County for funds that will reimburse the city for cleanup and other costs related to homeless tent and RV encampments. Reimbursable costs will include hygiene services like portable toilets, garbage removal, safe storage of personal property, septic cleanup and other related services for people experiencing

homelessness who are impacted by the Coronavirus public health emergency.

Costs can be reimbursed through June 30, 2022.

As part of a broader Scattered Site partnership the City has also agreed to fund staffing and some other costs that will not be reimbursable by this agreement. Those responsibilities will include ensuring permission of property owners to contract cleanups on their property, manage cleanup contractors, communicate and partner with people in camps, and partner with the County's contracted case management staff.

Thurston County has also agreed to contract with a social service provider to provide outreach case management and referral services to sites that are proposed to be part of this effort including Ensign Road, camps along Wheeler Ave., and the Deschutes Parkway encampments.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Homelessness is a concern for much of the community, especially those who are homeless and businesses and residences near homeless encampments.

Options:

1. Approve this resolution and direct staff to contract with Thurston County
2. Amend the staff recommendation
3. Take other action

Financial Impact:

If approved City staff will negotiate a contract to seek reimbursement from Thurston County for up to \$240,000 in services related to hygiene and garbage removal and other services for homeless encampments and RV parking areas.

Part of this agreement will also result in City staff resources dedicated to neighbor communication and conflict resolution and other work related to increasing safety at and around encampments and RV parking areas. Those funds were previously authorized by Council.

Attachments:

Resolution
Agreement