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City Council

Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with 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 a Resolution authorizing an agreement between the City of Olympia and Thurston County to fund services for people impacted by homelessness.

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve a resolution authorizing an agreement between the City of Olympia and Thurston County to fund services for people impacted by homelessness.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item.

Background and Analysis:

The Scattered Site Pilot program began March 1, 2021, with the goal to support unhoused residents at established encampments throughout the city. Three encampments were identified including Ensign Road, Deschutes Parkway, and Wheeler Road. Deschutes Parkway was closed in December of 2021 and Wheeler Road is now being addressed by the Washington State Department of Transportation as that area is owned by the state.

This limited duration contract is being reestablished to recoup the unspent funds remaining on the contract and divert those funds to Ensign Road to help support waste removal on site. Tipping fees are approximately \$6,000 per month therefore the balance of this contract should cover the incurred

expenses for the month of September. The site is being prepped for closure in September, ending the costs for waste removal and sanitation along the road shortly after.

The initial contract ended June 20, 2022, halting the provider support at the identified encampments. The waste removal and sanitation continued, however, placing the financial cost on the city to address. The County has agreed to reenter into a contract to allow for full expenditure with an end date of September 30, 2022.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Ongoing site management at Ensign Rd including waste removal, litter abatement, and sanitation are of great interest to the community. Keeping the road clear of debris helps to ensure safe passage for all residents.

Options:

1. Approve the Interlocal agreement between the City of Olympia and Thurston County to fund services for people impacted by homelessness.
2. Approve the Interlocal agreement with amendments between the City of Olympia and Thurston County to fund services for people impacted by homelessness.
3. Consider the Resolution at another time.

Financial Impact:

The initial contract for the Scattered Site pilot program had a budget of \$240,000. When the contract ended on June 20, 2022, an amount of \$5,911.30 remained unspent. This contract will recoup those unspent funds to cover the costs outlined in scope of work.

Attachments:

Resolution
Agreement