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City Council

Approval of a Funding Plan for Implementing Homeless Response Strategies

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

The Finance Committee recommends the funding plan for implementing the homeless response strategies.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the funding plan for implementing the homeless response strategies.

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve a funding plan for implementing homeless response strategies.

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Presenter(s):

Amy Buckler, Downtown Programs Manager, Community Planning & Development

Background and Analysis:

City Council held a study session on August 21, 2018, where staff outlined a homeless response strategy. The strategies were developed collaboratively with local service providers. The plan aligns with the Thurston County's Five-Year Strategic Homeless Housing Plan; moves to a 24/7 shelter system; provides safe, legal and supportive options for unsheltered individuals; and increases the capacity for caring for the City's most medically vulnerable individuals.

Staff will present the estimated expenses of the homeless response strategies along with the funding plan approved by Finance Committee on September 6. Staff will also discuss next steps for engaging neighborhoods near the nursery and Martin Way sites.

On September 6, the Finance Committee recommended moving forward with the following implementation strategies in 2018:

Implementation Strategy/ (Provide funding to:)	Estimated 2018 Cost	Estimated 2019 Cost	Note
Expand Community Youth Services shelter to 24/7	\$55,000	\$219,660	2018 cost to expand operations Oct-Dec
Renovate Salvation Army day room to serve 75-100 individuals	\$300,000	None	Use of funds would be CDBG funds already designated for a day center
Develop secure storage partnerships	\$12,600 operating; \$42,000 set-up	\$50,000 operating	First partner would be Union Gospel Mission. Looking for other partners, sites.
Develop a tiny house village on the former nursery site at the Justice Center	\$100,000 operating; \$400,400 capital; \$190,000 set-up	\$583,000 operating	A study session with Low Income Housing Institute will be scheduled

The option to move Interfaith Works shelter to 2828 Martin Way needs more discussion. This will require dedicated partners to secure funding for the program.

See attachment for the recommended funding plan.

Options:

1. Approve funding plan and 2018 implementation strategies. Provides resources to address the immediate impacts of homelessness and makes it possible to start implementation in 2018.
2. Do not approve the funding plan, direct staff to develop a revised approach, and return to Finance Committee at a future date. Delays the ability to start implementing homeless response strategies in time for the cold weather season.

Attachments:

Proposed funding sources
9/6/18 Finance Committee Presentation