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City Council

Approval of Resolution Authorizing a Funding Agreement with the Low Income Housing Institute for the Plum Street Village Tiny House Project

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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 a funding agreement with the Low Income Housing Institute for the Plum Street Village Tiny House Project.

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve the resolution authorizing a funding agreement with the Low Income Housing Institute for the Plum Street Village Tiny House Project.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item

Background and Analysis:

On September 18, 2018, the City Council approved a funding plan for implementing homeless response strategies, including a Plum Street Village tiny house project. The project is to be funded by the City of Olympia, and operated by the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI). The funding agreement with LIHI must be approved by City Council.

The Council held a study session about the project on October 6, 2018. The site will house at least 40 of Olympia's most vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness, and residents will be

selected using the Coordinated Entry system. Residents will be housed in wooden tiny houses. Hygiene services (bathrooms, showers and laundry), a communal kitchen area and connection to social services will be provided.

Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) will be responsible for site set up and the 24/7 management of the site. LIHI's scope of work and budget are shown in the attached funding agreement.

LIHI will host a public information meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Olympia Center, and a subsequent open house. Being a good neighbor and having a positive impact on the community are important pieces of the Management Plan. This will include implementing a "Good Neighbor Policy" and regular meetings of a community advisory board. Village Staff will use tailored services to engage and stabilize individuals, and connect them to permanent housing options.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

There is significant public interest in the City's actions to address homelessness.

Options:

1. Move to approve the resolution authorizing a funding agreement with the Low Income Housing Institute
2. Modify the funding agreement before approving.
3. Do not approve the funding agreement with the Low Income Housing Institute at this time.

Financial Impact:

One-time set up costs are \$407,000. Annual operating costs are \$562,000, including 24/7 staffing and monthly expenses, such as for utilities. An option for an additional case manager if found necessary at \$56,304 is also included in the agreement.

Attachments:

Resolution
Agreement