



CITY OF POMONA

COUNCIL REPORT

May 6, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

Submitted By: Benita De Frank, Neighborhood Services Director

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT OF THE FY 2018-2019 CITY OPERATING BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$93,000 IN AVAILABLE LOW-MOD HOUSING ASSET FUND BALANCE TO OPERATE THE TRANSITIONAL STORAGE CENTER THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-55 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2018-19 OPERATING BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$93,000 IN LOW-MODERATE INCOME HOUSING ASSET FUND BALANCE FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE TRANSITIONAL STORAGE CENTER (TSC), BY VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA LOS ANGELES, FROM JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019; and

- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents and subsequent amendments related with this action, subject to review by the City Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

According to the terms of the Allen v. Pomona settlement agreement, the City of Pomona agreed to build and operate a Transitional Storage Center (TSC) for a 3-year period, beginning in November 2016, to provide storage space for homeless persons to place their personal belongings.. By this Council action, the appropriation of \$93,000 will allow the Transitional Storage Center, as a part of Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA) Shelter Operator Agreement, to continue to operate the TSC at the Hope for Home Service Center; located at 1400 E. Mission Avenue through June 30, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT: This action will amend the FY 2018-19 City Operating Budget by appropriating \$93,000 in available Low-Mod Housing Asset Fund Balance (131-6201-52285-00000) and stated in Attachment No. 1.

PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION

On August 16, 2016, the City Council gave direction to the City Attorney to finalize settlement terms and enter into a settlement agreement with the plaintiffs in the Allen v. Pomona law suit to operate a storage facility for homeless person to place their belongings. On September 12, 2016, City Council approved an amendment to the FY 2016-17 Operating Budget in the amount of \$77,000 for the management of the TSC. On November 21, 2016, City Council approved award of a sole source contract to VOALA to operate the TSC through June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$72,000. On June 5, 2017 the City Council approved the appropriation of \$126,000 in Low-Moderate Housing Fund Revenues for the continued operation of the TSC from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and an amendment to the contract with VOALA in an amount not to exceed \$63,000 to extend operation of the TSC through December 31, 2017. On July 17, 2017, the City Council awarded a contract to VOALA as the selected qualified operator of the Homeless Services Center for an initial 5-year period. On December 18, 2017, the City Council approved an amendment to the contract with VOALA for the continued operation of the TSC from January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018. On June 18, 2018, the City Council approved a contract extension with VOALA in the amount of \$107,000 to extend operation of the TSC through December 31, 2018. On December 5, 2018, the Hope for Home Service Center opened. The TSC transferred to the new Hope for Home Service Center and its administration incorporated into the existing Shelter Operator Agreement with VOALA.

DISCUSSION

The City of Pomona has been funding the operation of the Transitional Storage Center (TSC) since November 2016 and since opening has provided private, individual, 60-gallon lockers to over 1,000 homeless persons. The number of lockers must accommodate, at minimum, the number of homeless persons found to be unsheltered at the annual Point-in-Time homeless count. It was also agreed that such a program would be operated in collaboration with ancillary services to the homeless. However, at no time since opening, has the number of active lockers exceeded 388.

Originally opened and operated in the courtyard of the Pomona Armory, the TSC has moved from that site to the new Hope for Home Service Center, located at 1400 E. Mission. As such, the TSC is operated in coordination with services provided within the Hope for Home Service Center. The TSC not only provides a place for personal possessions of the homeless to be safely stored, but also provides a means to engage the locker users in availing themselves of the processes to obtain permanent housing and needed services.

Below are some of the services and providers available to TSC participants:

SERVICE	PROVIDER
Mental Health	Tri City Mental Health Services
Substance Disorder Treatment	Prototypes – County Department of Public Health
Healthcare Outreach	East Valley Community Health Clinics
Recreation and Basic Needs	Pomona Continuum of Care Coalition
Housing/Supportive Services Referrals	Volunteers of America and City of Pomona
Peer Mentoring	Life Skills Program participants and alumni
Employment Assistance	Pomona Employment Program/Goodwill

VOALA has been the operator of the TSC since its inception. The TSC operation is incorporated into the overall contracted operation of Hope for Home Service Center, with VOALA as the site operator. Per the settlement agreement funding has been dedicated to the operation of the TSC since November 2016.

The following table outlines costs for TSC operations to date:

Time Period	Amount Spent
2016-17 Agreement: November 21, 2016 to June 30, 2017	\$29,264
First Amendment: July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017	\$83,399.96
Second Amendment: January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018	\$89,156.82
Third Amendment: July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018	\$94,927.27
VOALA Site Operator Agreement covering the period January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019	\$93,000 anticipated to be fully expended by June, 2019

The appropriation of the \$93,000 from the Low-Mod Housing Asset Fund Balance will allow the City to pay invoices for the six month period covered from January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019.

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ATTACHMENT(S):

Attachment 1 – Resolution No. 2019-55