



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

December 2, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

Submitted by: Benita De Frank, Neighborhood Services Director

Subject: **AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) FUNDING FROM TRI CITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER TO RESERVE BEDS AT HOPE FOR HOME SERVICES CENTER AND AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT WITH VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA LOS ANGELES TO OPERATE THE MHSA INTERIM HOUSING PROGRAM AS THE HOPE FOR HOME SERVICES CENTER SITE OPERATOR**

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-188, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$396,025 IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) FUNDING FROM TRI CITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER TO RESERVE BEDS AT THE HOPE FOR HOME SERVICES CENTER; AMENDING THE FY2019-20 OPERATING BUDGET BY INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATING \$396,025 IN MHSA FUNDS; AND, AMENDING THE AGREEMENT OF VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA LOS ANGELES BY AWARDED \$356,425 TO OPERATE THE MHSA INTERIM HOUSING PROGRAM AS THE HOPE FOR HOME SERVICES CENTER SITE OPERATOR

2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the contracts and other documentation requested for acceptance and implementation of the grant awards, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City entered into an agreement with Tri City Mental Health Center (Tri City) on December 18, 2018, to reserve shelter beds for Tri City's Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) homeless adult clients and for Tri City to have access to programming space at the Hope for Home's Access Center. This is the first amendment to that agreement. The amendment extends the terms of the agreement from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022 and increases the number of reserved beds from 28 to 31 for the authorized term, for the amount of \$396,025 annually. The original agreement ended June 30, 2019. It is recommended that \$356,425 of this funding be awarded to

Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA), amending their agreement as the Hope for Home Services Center Site Operator to include operation of MHSA crisis housing beds and \$39,600 be reserved for use by the City for administrative costs.

FISCAL IMPACT: This action will amend the FY 2019-20 Operating Budget (Attachment No. 1) by increasing revenue estimates by \$396,025 and appropriating \$356,425 in MHSA funding to Fund 215-1791-XXXXX-58681 for operations and \$39,600 in MHSA funding to Fund 215-1702-XXXXX-58681 for administrative costs.

PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION: On August 6, 2018 the City Council authorized the City to enter into an agreement to accept \$357,700 in MHSA funding from Tri City to reserve 28 interim housing beds at the Hope for Home Services Center.

DISCUSSION:

Since January 1, 2019, Tri City has been utilizing 28 interim housing beds reserved for homeless adult MHSA clients in need of shelter. The City entered into an agreement on December 18, 2018, for Tri City's financial participation in the City's Hope for Home Services Center for the purpose of reserving these shelter beds. This agreement also provided funding for the purchasing of beds, and lockers within the shelter and office furnishing within the Hope for Home Access Center.

This is the first amendment to that original agreement as was approved by the Tri City Governing Board. The amendment changes the original terms of the agreement by extending the contracting period from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022 and increases the number of reserved MHSA beds from 28 to 31. The original agreement ended June 30, 2019. It also increases the award of funding from Tri City to the City to \$396,025 annually for the term. This funding will be used to continue to fund interim housing beds for MHSA clients referred by Tri City and will assist in related costs associated with the Hope for Home Access Center.

It is recommended that \$356,425 of this funding be awarded to VOALA to operate 31 interim housing beds with MHSA participants referred by Tri City and \$39,600 be used by the City for administrative costs. These interim housing beds will be used to accommodate approximately 100 eligible homeless adults annually, providing a bed, food, case management and other coordinated services identified to assist homeless persons in obtaining permanent housing.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES & GOALS: This action supports City Council Goal K – to reduce the unsheltered homeless population by 10% annually and take actions to mitigate the impacts of homelessness on the community.

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