



Council Agenda Report

To: Mayor Grisanti and the Honorable Members of the City Council

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Approved by: Steve McClary, City Manager

Date prepared: November 15, 2022 Meeting date: November 28, 2022

Subject: Update on Securing Beds for People Experiencing Homelessness

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file an update on securing beds for people experiencing homelessness at an existing facility outside of the City.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

WORK PLAN: This item was included in Item #1.k. (Homelessness Outreach and Services) and Item #1.l. (Homelessness Shelter and Safe Parking Program (SPP) – Identify Site) of the Adopted Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

DISCUSSION: At the City Council Regular Meeting on August 8, 2022, City staff presented the Homelessness Task Force (HTF) recommendation to secure beds at an existing facility outside of the City. The purpose was to provide a safer sleeping option for people experiencing homelessness as a means of reducing the risk of fires associated with warming and cooking fires created by people experiencing homelessness. To implement this recommendation, the City Council authorized the expenditure of up to \$100,000 per year to secure up to three homeless shelter beds for a period of twelve months.

An RFP for Interim Shelter Beds was issued on September 20, 2022 and closed on October 11, 2022, resulting in one submission from The People Concern (TPC). The TPC proposal provides the option of reserving three bed units at their interim housing facility, Turning Point, in Santa Monica. These beds could temporarily house people experiencing homelessness in the City through a referral based process carried out in partnership with the City's Homeless Outreach Team, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), and City staff. Turning Point staff will be readily available to accept referrals during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm) and after-hour

referrals will be responded to on the following business day. In some cases, TPC staff may be able to admit an individual outside of working hours, but only if it is an existing relationship with the City's Homeless Outreach Team. Individuals that are enrolled into Turning Point are provided with an integrated program of health and wellness care, housing placement and retention services, mental health services, substance abuse programming, case management, and a broader comprehensive network of services to help facilitate a transfer to permanent housing.

Although referral-based interim shelter beds might not assist LASD in enforcing the City's camping ordinance, it supports the City's homeless outreach workers in getting individuals off the street and into eventual permanent housing. Currently, there are ten homeless individuals in Malibu that have been granted housing vouchers who are engaged with the outreach team and would be ideal candidates for the interim shelter bed units. Providing them with an interim housing unit as they continue to receive services would facilitate their eventual transition into permanent housing and reduce the number of homeless individuals in Malibu, which ultimately assists with keeping fire-sensitive and hazardous areas clear of encampments.

The City's current contract with TPC, does not guarantee access to shelter beds at any facility, including Turning Point. Despite Turning Point being operated by TPC, the beds become occupied through a competitive referral process applied for by organizations across Los Angeles County. The proposal to reserve three interim shelter beds exclusively for the City's use and the accompanying comprehensive services will cost \$86,400 for a period of twelve months.

Staff was recently informed that a request to have the proposal funded by a Los Angeles County Measure H grant through the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments (COG) may be granted. This proposal was introduced to the COG Working Group on Monday, November 14, 2022, and then introduced to the COG Governing Board on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 where it was approved. As soon as the grant agreement is received, staff will bring it to the City Council for approval.

ATTACHMENTS: None