



Department Source: Public Health and Human Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 21, 2022

Re: Report on Comprehensive Homeless Service Center Planning Services

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the status of the public assistance funding appropriated by Council for comprehensive homeless service center planning services.

Discussion

At its May 3, 2021 meeting, council approved B 164-21 amending the FY 2021 annual budget by appropriating funds for public assistance programs, as recommended by staff in the report REP28-21 *Potential Uses of Reserve Funds* presented at the April 19, 2021 Council meeting. The approved appropriations included \$75,000 for comprehensive homeless services center planning services.

This appropriation was intended to support of the City's plans to address homelessness in our community. These include the Consolidated Plan goal to establish a 24-hour homeless resource center and the strategic plan objective to achieve a functional zero level of unsheltered homelessness by the winter of 2024- 2025.

In November, 2021, staff issued Request for Proposals (RFP) 57/2022 (Attachment 1) for comprehensive homeless services center planning services. The RFP sought proposals from an organization or collaborative to prepare plans for a comprehensive homeless services center.

In response to the RFP, one proposal and two no bids were submitted. The sole proposal received (Attachment 2) was submitted by the Columbia Community Housing Trust (Columbia Housing Authority)¹, on behalf of a collaborative of local housing and human services providers, including:

- Voluntary Action Center
- St. Francis Catholic Worker Community (Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen)
- Columbia Interfaith Resource Center (Room at the Inn)
- Wilkes Blvd. UMC (Turning Point)
- Love Columbia

Based on the proposal received and subsequent negotiations, the City is in the process of entering into a professional services agreement with the Columbia Community Housing Trust, for comprehensive homeless services center planning services, in the amount of \$75,000.00 (Attachment 3).



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The collaborative intends to plan for the following components of a comprehensive homeless services center or campus:

- Emergency Shelter
- Homeless Drop-In Center
- Meal Service (e.g. "soup kitchen")
- Non-Congregate Transitional Housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Supportive Services

Staff will work closely with the contracted collaborative as they engage the community in developing a plan for the resources needed to achieve our common goal of ending unsheltered homelessness in our community and providing pathways to safe and affordable housing for our most vulnerable neighbors.

¹ The Columbia Community Housing Trust is a nonprofit subsidiary of the Columbia Housing Authority. It is not the Columbia Community Land Trust administered by the City.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$75,000 for comprehensive homeless services center planning services.
Long-Term Impact: none.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Safe Neighborhoods, Secondary Impact: Resilient Economy, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
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Suggested Council Action

Staff requests that Council accept the report.



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