



# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Public Health and Human Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 15, 2021

Re: Winter Emergency Shelter Capacity Agreement

## Executive Summary

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a purchase of social services agreement with Columbia Interfaith Resource Center, for the purchase of 24-hour emergency shelter services, and an associated business associate agreement.

## 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 appropriation included \$75,000 in order to expand emergency shelter capacity in response to the ongoing pandemic, for the winter of 2021-2022.

Staff issued a RFP for these services in July, 2021. One proposal was received in response. Based on the review and rating of the proposal, staff and the Human Services Commission are recommending the City establish a purchase of social services agreement with Columbia Interfaith Resource Center for 24-hour emergency shelter services for homeless persons in isolation/quarantine. The agreement is for an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the period of December 1, 2021 through March 1, 2022. This agreement also necessitates establishing a business associate agreement with the provider.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.

Long-Term Impact: None.

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Social Equity, Secondary Impact: Economy

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Economic Development, Secondary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities



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## Legislative History

Date	Action
March 15, 2021	Council requested the Human Services Manager and Housing Programs Manager formulate a plan for distributing \$1.3 million in excess reserve funding for meeting public assistance needs.
4/19/2021	REP28-21 Potential Uses of Reserve Funds
5/3/2021	B 164-21 Amending the FY 2021 Annual Budget by appropriating funds for) public assistance programs

## Suggested Council Action

Should the Council agree with staff recommendations, an affirmative vote is in order.