



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: December 15, 2025

Re: Agreements for the Purchase of Social Services – Homelessness

Executive Summary

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign two (2) agreements for the provision of homeless services in Columbia. These agreements will support overnight shelter, drop-in center, and overnight warming center services essential to the health and safety of the City's unsheltered residents.

Discussion

The Department of Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) administers the City of Columbia's process for the purchase of social services, including homeless services. These services reduce the risks associated with exposure to the elements, provide safe spaces for individuals experiencing homelessness, and address immediate shelter and stabilization needs.

Proposed are two (2) agreements for homeless services:

1. Voluntary Action Center (VAC)
 - o Service: Overnight shelter services
 - o Amount: \$584,956.61
2. Turning Point
 - o Services: Homeless drop-in center services and overnight warming center services
 - o Amount: \$409,478.58

The total investment for these agreements is \$994,435.19.

These services are a critical component of the City's efforts to promote and protect the health and well-being of unsheltered community members by offering safe overnight refuge, access to basic necessities, and connection to supportive services.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$994,435.19 of general fund provided for homeless services

Long-Term Impact: None.



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Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inclusive and Equitable Community, Secondary Impact: Safe Community, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

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

Legislative History

Date	Action
8/18/2025	R115-25 Authorizing a fourth amendment to the social services provider agreement with Wilkes Boulevard United Methodist Church) to provide drop-in and overnight warming services to the unsheltered homeless. R115-25
12/4/2023	R199-23 Authorizing a third amendment to the social services provider agreement with Wilkes Boulevard United Methodist Church to provide drop-in and overnight warming services to the unsheltered homeless. R199-25
12/19/2022	R197-22 Authorizing a second amendment to the social services provider agreement with Wilkes Boulevard United Methodist Church, Inc. to provide daytime warming and comprehensive drop-in services to the unsheltered population. R197-22
10/17/2022	R170-22 Authorizing an amendment to the social services provider agreement with Wilkes Boulevard United Methodist Church (d/b/a Turning Point Day Center) for homeless drop-in and overnight warming services. R170-22
10/2/2023	R153-23 Authorizing a third amendment to the 2021 social services provider agreement with Columbia Interfaith Resource Center for additional overnight emergency shelter services and modification of the license for use of the City of Columbia's facility located at 1509 Ashley Street. R153-23
12/19/2022	R198-22 Authorizing a second amendment to the social services provider agreement with Columbia Interfaith Resource Center for additional overnight emergency shelter services. R198-22
9/4/2018	R134-18 Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the social services provider agreement with Columbia Interfaith Resource Center (d/b/a Columbia Alliance to Combat Homelessness) for overnight emergency shelter services. R134-18
10/16/2017	R138-17 Authorizing a social services provider agreement with Columbia Interfaith Resource Center, d/b/a Columbia Alliance to Combat Homelessness, for overnight emergency shelter services. R138-17

Suggested Council Action

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