



# MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda  
Item No. IX. H  
1/16/2024

## The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Resolution allocating up to \$222,183 in City General Funds and approving Agreements for professional services with City Rescue Mission, City Care, and the Homeless Alliance to support overnight winter overflow services for the 2023-2024 winter season, retroactive to November 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

### **Background:**

Every winter, Oklahoma City's shelters provide extra beds, with fewer entry requirements, to get as many people as possible out of the cold. Winter is a particularly dangerous time of year to be living outdoors, and prior to the development of coordinated Winter Shelter Plans, deaths of homeless residents due to hypothermia or fires in vacant properties occurred each season. Winter-related deaths and injuries have dropped significantly since the development of coordinated winter shelter programming, and these funds will allow high-capacity shelter facilities to provide those services again this year. The City has waived competitive bidding for these services, as these organizations currently providing shelter services are the only ones large enough to safely accommodate the number of people in need.

Funds will be provided in a total amount not to exceed \$222,183 to support expanded capacity and services for three shelters to accommodate up to 300 beds on nights that are 32 degrees and below. The Agreement with City Rescue Mission is not to exceed \$28,616; the City Care Agreement is not to exceed \$34,845 and the Homeless Alliance Agreement is not to exceed \$158,722.

### **Cost:**

\$222,183 from the general funds.

### **Source of Funds:**

General Fund- General Operations-UASN-Homeless Services Contract (001-0001-2400206-52000001)

### **Review:**

Planning Department

**Recommendation:** Resolution be adopted.