



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX. S
2/25/2025

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Professional Services Agreement with St. Paul Episcopal Cathedral to support overnight winter overflow services for the 2024-2025 winter season in the amount of \$15,000, retroactive to November 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.

Background:

Annually, 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, the City regularly saw deaths of homeless residents during the winter months due to hypothermia or fires in vacant properties. Winter-related deaths and injuries have dropped significantly since the development of coordinated winter 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.

Contracts in the amount of \$290,475 were approved by City Council on December 17, 2024 (IX.M) to allow City Rescue Mission, City Care, and Homeless Alliance to collectively expand their overall shelter capacity by approximately 400 beds on nights that are 32 degrees and below. The agreement being submitted for approval today will allow St. Paul's Cathedral to assist with this effort by expanding the total capacity available to homeless families.

Cost:

\$15,000

Source of Funds:

OCITY-General Fund/General Operations-Planning Homeless Services-Other Services and Charges (1001-2400206-52000001)

Review:

Planning Department

Recommendation: Agreement be approved.