



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX. AW
6/20/2023

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Grant Agreement in the amount of \$117,500 with the Inasmuch Foundation, \$10,000 accepted by the City on December 6, 2022 to assist with decommissioning of homeless encampments and \$107,500 accepted by the City on October 25, 2022 for implementation of the Strategies to Address Homelessness initiative.

Background:

In April 2019, Mayor David Holt established a Taskforce on Homelessness, to work with a consultant and community stakeholders to develop the *Strategies to Address Homelessness in Oklahoma City*. The *Strategies* were received by City Council on September 28, 2021 (Item IX.AC)

In 2021, in the process of evaluating the next implementation steps, the Arnall and Inasmuch Foundations offered to engage Clutch Consulting Group ("Clutch Consulting") to work with Oklahoma City homeless services staff and local funders to drive the strategic and systematic transformation of the homeless response system. A Resolution accepting services funded by donations from the Foundations for this purpose was approved by Council on May 10, 2022 (Item IX.AG).

Clutch Consulting worked with City staff and the service provider community from March-June 2022, and identified next (Phase 2) steps for implementation. Clutch recommended practices including, but not limited to, expanding and formalizing a new governance structure of the Continuum of Care Board, as well as strategies to increase permanent housing units including increased landlord engagement. Clutch also recommended trial of encampment decommissioning and rehousing as an emerging best practice, and has direct experience implementing this strategy in Houston and Dallas with positive results.

On October 25, 2022 (Item IX.P), Council accepted a donation from Inasmuch Foundations ("Inasmuch") of \$107,500; recognized Clutch Consulting Group as a sole source vendor; and approved a Professional Service Agreement with Clutch Consulting for \$325,000. In November of 2022, Inasmuch added \$10,000 to the amount donated to the City for assistance with landlord incentives and move-in kits to assist with encampment decommissioning. This donation was accepted by the City on December 6, 2022 (Item No. IX.Z). Subsequent to acceptance of these donations, Inasmuch requested The City sign a Grant Agreement for the full donation amount. This item will approve the Grant Agreement with the Inasmuch Foundation for the entire amount donated for these services (\$117,500).

Review:
Planning

Recommendation: Agreement be approved.