



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX AC
3/12/2024

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Resolution allocating up to \$49,680 in City General Funds and approving an Agreement for Professional Services with Salvation Army, to support overnight winter overflow services for the 2023-24 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 support high-capacity shelter facilities in providing those services again this year.

On January 16, 2024 (Item IX.H) the City Council approved agreements with 3 of the city's largest shelters to expand the overall City-wide shelter capacity on nights that are 32 degrees and below. Salvation Army was the fourth shelter recommended for funding, and the item being submitted for approval today will provide funds to them to further assist with those services. The City waived competitive bidding for these services, as these four organizations are the only ones large enough to safely accommodate the number of people in need. This item was delayed as Salvation Army was not able to obtain a new certificate of insurance until mid-January.

Cost:

\$49,680 from General Funds

Source of Funds:

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

Review:

Planning

Recommendation: Resolution be adopted.