



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX. M
12/17/2024

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Resolution allocating \$290,475 in City General Funds and approving Grant Agreements with City Rescue Mission, City Care, and the Homeless Alliance, to support overnight winter overflow services for the 2024-25 winter season, retroactive to November 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025; and authorizing the execution of necessary documents.

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 the organizations currently providing shelter services are the only ones large enough to safely accommodate the number of people in need.

Funds in the amount of \$290,475 will allow the facilities to collectively expand their overall shelter capacity by approximately 400 beds on nights that are 32 degrees and below and provide more secure shelter services every night throughout the entire winter. The Agreement with City Rescue Mission is for \$37,500; the City Care Agreement is for \$27,975 and the Homeless Alliance Agreement is for \$225,000.

Cost:

\$290,475 from the General Fund.

Source of Funds:

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

Review:

Planning Department

Recommendation: Resolution be adopted.