

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SOLE SOURCE, SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH CITY RESCUE MISSION TO ADMINISTER A LANDLORD ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM, NOT TO EXCEED \$226,027, RETROACTIVE TO APRIL 1, 2025 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2026.

WHEREAS, in April 2019, Mayor Holt established a Task Force on Homelessness to work with a consultant and community stakeholders to develop strategies to reduce homelessness in Oklahoma City, and the final Strategies to Address Homelessness in Oklahoma City were received by the City Council on September 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2022, The City accepted services from Clutch Consulting Group to work with stakeholders to implement the strategies, prioritizing those that emphasized streamlining system governance and reducing chronic, unsheltered homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the initial work with Clutch Consulting Group was followed by the approval of a formal Professional Services Agreement on October 25, 2022, and upon approval of this agreement, Clutch Consulting Group and City staff began working with teams of local outreach workers, landlord engagement specialists, and case managers on a pilot encampment rehousing initiative; and

WHEREAS, the initiative involved targeting specific encampments, engaging encampment residents, moving residents into pre-secured permanent housing units, and providing intensive case management services to help residents address their needs; and

WHEREAS, the City committed to continued focus on addressing unsheltered homelessness with the goal of reducing chronic, unsheltered homelessness by 75% over the course of two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, the City has fully implemented the targeted encampment rehousing initiative to accomplish this goal; and

WHEREAS, to complete this task, funds from various resources will be required to assist with short-term rent payment, case management and landlord engagement to rapidly move people into permanent housing units while they complete the process to obtain Housing Choice Vouchers that will provide ongoing, permanent housing assistance; and

WHEREAS, national data reflects that taxpayer costs amount to approximately \$35,000 per year, per chronically homeless individual and that providing supportive housing for such individuals serves a public benefit in saving taxpayer dollars by reducing the use of publicly funded crisis services, including emergency response, property damage and repair, and police and court costs; and

WHEREAS, the provision of housing to chronically homeless individuals also has an appreciable impact on quality of life for city residents and businesses; as well as the quality of life of chronically homeless individuals through greater housing stability, improved health outcomes and better outcomes from treatment services over time for those in need; and

WHEREAS, original contracts for case management and landlord engagement services were administered by Communities Foundation of Oklahoma (CFO) and City Rescue Mission (CRM) was selected to provide landlord engagement services as they were the only service organization in the city providing that services; and

WHEREAS, as the contracts with CFO expire, City staff are seeking to transfer all case management and landlord engagement contracts to the City to be funded under the HOME-ARP program; and

WHEREAS, CRM operates the state's largest emergency shelter, provides rapid rehousing services under the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Continuum of Care (CoC) programs, is a primary provider of winter assistance services to the homeless, and has been providing landlord engagement services for the City's encampment rehousing initiative for the last two (2) years with great success; and

WHEREAS, based on CRM's expertise, history providing landlord engagement services, and the fact that they are the only organization providing those services, it is considered that CRM is uniquely qualified as a sole source provider to administer the Landlord Engagement Program; and

WHEREAS, staff requests Council authorize a renewable sole source Professional Services Agreement with CRM to provide landlord engagement services for an amount not to exceed \$226,027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of The City of Oklahoma City that:

- 1) The Targeted Encampment Housing Initiative provides a public benefit to Oklahoma City residents who are chronically homeless by improving the quality of life of program participants through provision of stable housing and improved health outcomes; and
- 2) The Targeted Encampment Housing Initiative is also expected to provide a public benefit to all Oklahoma City residents, businesses, hospitals and law enforcement by reducing calls and costs related to emergency response, hospitalizations, incarceration, litter abatement, property damage and repair, and police, while also having an appreciable impact on overall quality of life; and
- 3) City Rescue Mission is authorized as a sole source vendor uniquely qualified to administer landlord engagement services; and
- 4) The Professional Services Agreement with City Rescue Mission to administer the Landlord Engagement Program is approved in an amount not to exceed \$226,027.

ADOPTED by the Council and signed by the Mayor of The City of Oklahoma

City this 8TH day of APRIL, 2025.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Amy K. Simpson
City Clerk



David Holt
Mayor

APPROVED as to form and legality.

Debra E. Douglas-Talley
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