



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX. Z
12/6/2022

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Resolution accepting a donation from the Inasmuch Foundation of \$10,000 to assist in addressing homelessness through directed contractual services with City Rescue Mission to provide housing incentives to landlords and client move-in kits during an encampment decommissioning pilot program and approving the Agreement for Professional Services with City Rescue Mission, retroactive to September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Purpose:

To support on-going targeted rehousing and encampment decommissioning efforts to reduce unsheltered homelessness in Oklahoma City by contracting with City Rescue Mission to provide landlord incentives to make units available, and client move-in kits to individuals who are housed.

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 has 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.

The Agreement for Professional Services with City Rescue Mission has a term that begins September 1, 2022 and will extend through June 30, 2023. Inasmuch has offered to donate the total cost for funding this Agreement in the amount of \$10,000. The City will administer the Agreement.

Cost:

\$10,000 with no cost to the City

Source of Funds:

OCITY-750-1696-2400206-43900002

Review:

Planning

Recommendation: Resolution be adopted.