

March 17, 2020

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into a contract, including any necessary amendments, with the United States Veterans Initiative, Inc., of Los Angeles, CA, in the amount of \$113,036 to operate the Interim Shelter Program from April 13, 2020 through June 28, 2020, at 1718-1722 Hayes Avenue; and,

Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute an amendment to Lease 35431 to extend the term until July 28, 2020. (District 1)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to enter into a contract with the United States Veterans Initiative, Inc. (U.S. Vets), to continue to operate the Interim Shelter Program through June 28, 2020. The Interim Shelter Program provides low-barrier, safe and supportive shelter, food and comfort to homeless adult individuals and transitional age youth (TAY).

The Interim Shelter Program is an integral part of the Coordinated Entry System (CES), which was created to ensure consistent approaches for access to, and delivery of, services in the City of Long Beach (City). This program provides increased engagement opportunities with individuals experiencing homelessness to encourage enrollment into case management services, employment and housing programs through the Multi-Service Center, and further maximizes the effectiveness of those services to reduce homelessness in Long Beach.

The current Interim Shelter Program is funded by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). LAHSA was responsible for selecting the interim shelter provider through a competitive application process, contracting with providers and overseeing the interim shelter operations. Through that process, it was determined that the Interim Shelter Program would be operated by the U.S. Vets at property owned by the City, at 1718-1722 Hayes Avenue (Site). The current contract between LAHSA and U.S. Vets is slated to end on March 31, 2020.

On February 18, 2020, the City Council approved an enhancement request in the Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department), made possible by FY 19 ending funds available, to support the extension of the City's Interim Shelter Program. The Health Department has since investigated program options and concluded that the best way to continue to provide services to people experiencing homelessness through the Interim Shelter Program, beyond the current term funded by LAHSA, is to extend the program by entering into

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an agreement with the current provider, U.S. Vets. The additional terms of the program will allow for 11 weeks of continued service for a contract amount of \$113,036.

On November 12, 2019, the City Council adopted Resolution RES-18-0178 redeclaring a shelter crisis, pursuant to California Government Code Sections 8698.1 and 8698.2, which allow local jurisdictions to suspend local laws and regulations "to the extent that strict compliance would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the shelter crisis" for any City-owned, leased or maintained property. The City Council's adoption of the resolution today will ensure the Site remains open to provide low-barrier, safe and supportive shelter, food, and comfort to homeless adult individuals and transitional age youth.

As customary, in an effort to facilitate the use of 1718-1722 Hayes Avenue for the interim shelter as a City-leased property, a Lease between the City as property owner and the United States Veterans Initiative has been negotiated by the Economic Development Department. The City will extend the term of current Lease 35431 to July 28, 2020, to allow for the continued operation of a temporary interim shelter at this Site.

City Charter Section 1801 requires that contracts for City purchases be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after a competitive bid process but allows for awards without a competitive bid process if accompanied by a Resolution adopted by the City Council.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Taylor M. Anderson on March 5, 2020, Purchasing Agent Tara Yeats on February 27, 2020, and by Budget Analysis Officer Julissa José-Murray on February 28, 2020.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action to adopt a Resolution and award a contract concurrently is requested on March 17, 2020, to ensure the contract is in place expeditiously.

FISCAL IMPACT

The contract amount will be \$113,036 for an 11-week period. On February 18, 2020, as part of the Fiscal Year 2019 Year-End Budget Performance Report, the City Council approved the staff recommendation to set aside \$120,000 to support the extension of the City's interim shelter from March 31, 2020 until the opening of the Atlantic Avenue Interim Community (ABC) Project, establishing a year-round homeless shelter. Those funds have been brought back to the City Council for appropriation on March 17, 2020, as part of the FY 20 First Departmental and Fund Budget Adjustment letter. Funds to support this contract are being appropriated in the General Fund Group in the Health Department. Unbudgeted utility costs associated with the interim shelter program are estimated to be \$36,650. Staff is reviewing overall departmental costs and revenue offsets, including grant funding through the County of Los Angeles and its Measure H Homeless Initiative, and will return with a budget adjustment request later in the year when the full offset has been identified. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



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ACTING CITY MANAGER

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH REDECLARING A SHELTER CRISIS; SUSPENDING APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF LOCAL LAW, INCLUDING THOSE CONTAINED IN THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS; AND AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF AN INTERIM SHELTER AT 1718-1722 HAYES AVENUE, IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, BETWEEN THE DATES OF APRIL 13, 2020 AND JUNE 28, 2020, INCLUSIVE; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO WITH THE UNITED STATES VETERANS INITIATIVE, INC. WITHOUT ADVERTISING FOR BIDS TO OPERATE THE INTERIM SHELTER PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$113,036

WHEREAS, the purpose and intent of this resolution is to continue to provide shelter and supportive services for the homeless in the City of Long Beach ("City") by maintaining such services at, and allowing the use of, the real property located at 1718-1722 Hayes Avenue, in the City of Long Beach, between the dates of April 13, 2020 and June 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of November 12, 2019, the City Council of the City of Long Beach adopted Resolution No. RES-18-0178 redeclaring a "shelter crisis" pursuant to SB 850 (Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018 and Government Code Sections 8698.1 and 8698.2); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 8698.1 et seq., the City Council hereby finds and re-declares that there still exists a "shelter crisis" in that a

1 significant number of persons within the City are without the ability to obtain shelter, and
2 that the situation has resulted in, and will continue to result in, a threat to the health and
3 safety of those persons; and

4 WHEREAS, the Interim Shelter Program provides low-barrier, safe and
5 supportive shelter, food and comfort to homeless adult individuals and transitional age
6 youth; and

7 WHEREAS, the Interim Shelter Program is an integral part of the
8 Coordinated Entry System, which was created to ensure consistent approaches for
9 access to, and delivery of, services in the City of Long Beach; and

10 WHEREAS, the Interim Shelter Program provides increased engagement
11 opportunities with individuals experiencing homelessness to encourage enrollment into
12 case management services, employment and housing programs through the Multi-
13 Service Center and further maximizes the effectiveness of those services to reduce
14 homelessness in the City; and

15 WHEREAS, the current Interim Shelter Program is funded by the Los
16 Angeles Homeless Services Authority ("LAHSA"); and

17 WHEREAS, LAHSA was responsible for selecting the shelter provider
18 through a competitive application process, contracting with providers and overseeing the
19 shelter operations; and

20 WHEREAS, through that process, it was determined that the Interim Shelter
21 Program would be operated by the United States Veterans Initiative, Inc. ("U.S. Vets") at
22 property owned by the City, located at 1718-1722 Hayes Avenue; and

23 WHEREAS, the current contract between LAHSA and U.S. Vets is slated to
24 end on March 31, 2020; and

25 WHEREAS, on February 18, 2020, the City Council approved an
26 enhancement request in the Health Department, made possible by FY 19 ending funds
27 available, to support the extension of the City's Interim Shelter Program; and

28 WHEREAS, the Health Department has since investigated program options

1 and concluded the best way to continue to provide services to people experiencing
2 homelessness through the Interim Shelter Program, beyond the current term funded by
3 LAHSA, is to extend the program and enter into an agreement with the current provider,
4 U.S. Vets; and

5 WHEREAS, as a result, no useful purpose would be served by advertising
6 for bids and to do so would constitute an idle and useless act and an unnecessary
7 expenditure of public funds;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
9 follows:

10 Section 1. That the provisions of any state or local regulatory statute,
11 regulation or ordinance, including but not limited to the City's zoning regulations
12 prescribing standards of use, housing, health or safety shall be suspended with respect
13 to the above-described interim shelter to the extent that strict compliance would in any
14 way prevent, hinder or delay the operation of the interim shelter during the declared
15 shelter crisis.

16 Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provisions of local law, the City
17 Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take all steps as may be reasonably
18 necessary or appropriate to facilitate the operation of an interim shelter between the
19 dates of April 13, 2020 and June 28, 2020, which shelter is to be located at 1718-1722
20 Hayes Avenue, in the City of Long Beach.

21 Section 3. Any and all provisions of the City's Zoning Ordinance and
22 regulations, which otherwise might regulate, apply to or govern the continued operation of
23 the interim shelter, are hereby suspended and declared inapplicable to the proposed
24 interim shelter.

25 Section 4. The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to
26 develop such rules and regulations related to health and safety standards which the City
27 Manager deems necessary and appropriate to protect the public health, safety and
28 welfare of the residents of the interim shelter and those residents and/or businesses

1 which may be affected by the operation of said shelter. To the extent applicable to those
2 homeless individuals who occupy the shelter, such rules and regulations may be posted
3 in at least one conspicuous location on the site.

4 Section 5. Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"),
5 Public Resources Code section 21000, et seq., the Council hereby finds that this project
6 is exempt from further environmental review under CEQA Guidelines 15301.

7 Section 6. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter a contract and
8 any amendments thereto with the United States Veterans Initiative, Inc. to operate the
9 Interim Shelter Program in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thirteen Thousand
10 Thirty Six Dollars (\$113,036) from April 13, 2020 through June 28, 2020, at the discretion
11 of the City Manager.

12 Section 7. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated
13 herein.

14 Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
15 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2020 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

Recusal(s): Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk