



City of Emeryville

CALIFORNIA

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 10, 2018

TO: Christine Daniel, City Manager

FROM: Charles S. Bryant, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: **Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Rescinding Resolution No. 18-50 And Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Memorandum Of Understanding With The City Of Oakland To Fund The 2018-2019 Winter Shelter In An Amount Not To Exceed \$30,000 And Appropriating \$15,000 From The Affordable Housing Fund (Fund 299) To The Fiscal Year 2018-19 Economic Development And Housing Division Budget For Homeless Programs (Account Number 299-87420)**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the above-referenced resolution which rescinds Resolution No. 18-50 and replaces it with authorization for the City Manager to execute a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the City of Oakland to fund the 2018-2019 Winter Shelter at the St. Vincent de Paul facility at 2272 San Pablo Avenue.

BACKGROUND

In 2015, in response to the need for a winter shelter after losing the former Winter Shelter at the Oakland Army Base, and for creating Warming Centers in the 2014-15 winter months, a regional response effort was developed that included contributions from the cities of Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, and Oakland, as well as Alameda County.

The City of Emeryville allocated \$15,000 for the 2015-16 Winter Shelter in order to provide five shelter beds for people experiencing homelessness in Emeryville for the approximately five months that the shelter was open. In 2016-17, the Shelter facility increased its capacity to 75 people and the City of Emeryville allocated \$30,000 for 10 shelter beds for people experiencing homelessness in Emeryville. However, in 2016-17 the number of people identifying as experiencing homelessness in Emeryville who utilized the Winter Shelter did not exceed five people. In 2017-18 the City reduced the funding to \$15,000 and the beds averaged approximately five people identifying as experiencing homelessness in Emeryville. At the May 15, 2018 City Council Meeting, the Emeryville City Council approved Resolution No. 18-50 authorizing execution of an MOU for \$15,000 to support the Winter Shelter with five beds reserved for people identifying as experiencing homelessness in Emeryville. This equates to approximately 750 shelter bed nights over five months.

DISCUSSION

After the May 15, 2018 City Council Meeting, the City of Oakland increased their support to the Winter Shelter, including adding shelter beds and extending the opening of the shelter to the end of the fiscal year, with a long-term plan to restructure the Winter Shelter into a year-round shelter. This fiscal year, the shelter will be open from October 22, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The City of Oakland has requested that the City of Emeryville increase its funding by \$15,000 to \$30,000 for six shelter beds, or 1,512 shelter bed nights.

For the remainder of the fiscal year, the Emeryville shelter beds will be managed by the Homeless Outreach Provider through the Berkeley Food and Housing Project contract with the City.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

There has been no communication with the public on this item.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed funding for Homeless Services in FY 2018-19 totals \$320,000, while the approved budget is \$305,000. The approved budget includes \$15,000 for the Winter Shelter, while the current request is for \$30,000. Therefore, an additional \$15,000 is needed. The proposed resolution appropriates \$15,000 from the Affordable Housing Fund (Fund 299) to Homeless Services (Account 299-87420) in the Economic Development and Housing Division budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19.

PREPARED BY: Catherine Firpo, Housing Coordinator

REVIEWED BY: Chadrick Smalley, Economic Development and Housing Manager

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:



Christine Daniel, City Manager

Attachment:

- Draft Resolution
- Exhibit A - Winter Shelter MOU