



**CITY OF SALINAS  
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DEPARTMENT:** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
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**TITLE:** FY 2020-2021 AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH COMMUNITY HOMELESS SOLUTIONS FOR SALINAS WARMING SHELTER

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a resolution for a Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 Agreement for Services (Agreement) with Community Homeless Solutions (CHS) not to exceed \$200,000 retroactive to July 1, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Community Development Department recommends that City Council approve an Agreement with CHS for FY 2020-2021 in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 retroactive to July 1, 2020.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City Council approved Measure G funding during the annual FY 2020-2021 budget process in the amount of \$200,000 for Capital Improvement Program 9187 – Shelter Operations (CIP) regarding the Salinas Warming Shelter (Shelter) located at 111 W. Alisal Street. The Shelter is currently operated and has been operated since December 2017 by local non-profit agency CHS. The CIP Measure G funding for this Agreement with CHS will help provide essential operational funding in partnership with the Monterey County Department of Social Services (MCDSS). The City of Salinas (City) and MCDSS have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and agree to coordinate and share responsibilities of the Shelter until a permanent shelter to be located at 855 E. Laurel Drive is developed and in operation.

BACKGROUND:

Homelessness is a serious and ongoing problem in the City and throughout the County of Monterey (County) and requires support among the City and County for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety of our community. The number of homeless individuals and families has persisted countywide. Persons experiencing homelessness are at high risk for physical and mental health issues, and other chronic illnesses.

The Shelter originally opened on December 1, 2017 and is scheduled to continue operating until a permanent shelter to be located at 855 E. Laurel Drive is developed and in operation. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Shelter transitioned to operating 24 hours, 7 days a week and continues to provide shelter and safety for families and individuals experiencing homelessness, along with meals and other supportive services. The Shelter building has the capacity to serve up to seventy (70) persons. Furthermore, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City recently installed three Recreational Vehicle (RV) trailers donated by Homeful Foundation, a non-profit organization through the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom in order to increase Shelter bed capacity. The activation of the three RV trailers increased Shelter capacity by an additional twenty-four (24) persons.

#### DISCUSSION:

Under agreed upon terms contained in an MOU approved by the City and County on September 25, 2018, the City and County have agreed to coordinate and share responsibilities of the Shelter. The total proposed costs for 24 hours, 7 days a week Shelter operations including the outdoor shower facilities and three RV trailers for FY 2020-2021 is approximately \$1,400,000. The City will contribute \$200,000 of Measure G CIP funding through this Agreement toward the total FY 2020-2021 operational costs for the Shelter. The balance of Shelter operational funding for FY 2020-2021 will derive from other City and/or County administered federal, state and local funding. Per the approved City and County MOU, the goal is to utilize and leverage funding for Shelter operational costs on a 50/50 split basis. Among the available City and County funding sources, the Shelter is proposed to be fully funded for FY 2020-2021.

#### CEQA CONSIDERATION:

The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Guidelines Section 15378. CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to cause any effect on the environment, or because it falls within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project. Because the matter does not cause a direct or foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This Agreement will help advance the following City Council strategic goals:

1. Investment Strategies/Risk Management
2. New Revenue
3. Operational Efficiencies
4. Public Safety

DEPARTMENT COORDINATION:

This agenda item is solely administered by the City’s Community Development Department Housing Division. However, other City departments that contributed with their staff time and resources included Finance and Legal. The Housing Division also coordinated with MCDSS and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

<b>Department</b>	<b>Contribution</b>
Finance	Assists in helping manage expenditures related to this contract.
Legal	Provides legal guidance on all contracts and legal documents related to this agenda item.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The City Council approved CIP – 9187 (Measure G) funding in the amount of \$200,00 for Shelter operations as part of the FY 2020-2021 annual budget. All other Shelter funding for FY 2020-2021 is proposed to derive from other federal, state or County funds.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution
- Agreement for Services