



**CITY OF SALINAS
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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TITLE: AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO COUNTY OF MONTEREY AGREEMENT
#5010-197

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute Amendment No. 3 to County of Monterey Agreement #5010-197 to accept and appropriate an additional \$543,336.17 of County of Monterey American Rescue Plan Act funds to the Project Roomkey Motel Program fund with a corresponding revenue budget and extend the agreement term through to March 31, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On October 26, 2021, Council approved the creation of the Salinas ARPA/PRK Motel Program to provide non-congregate emergency shelter options to unhoused residents with specific prioritization to those who are COVID-positive, known to have been exposed to COVID-19 but not requiring hospitalization, those with high-risk factors for severe illness such as being over the age of 65 and/or having chronic health conditions. Through preceding amendments executed in 2022, the program transitioned from its original Covid-prevention model to the current Emergency Motel Program (EMP) model focused on the provision of emergency shelter and substantive housing navigation, placements, and case management. Since the EMP's inception, County funds have been used to support a range of services and to create enhanced linkages to permanent housing for unhoused residents participating in the EMP. The County has notified the City of its desire to add an additional \$543,336.17 of its County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to further support EMP operations and extend the agreement term through to March 31, 2024.

BACKGROUND:

On September 20, 2022, the City and County executed Amendments No. 1 and 2 to the County's Standard Agreement #5010-197 to accept additional funds increasing the agreement amount to \$3,303,306.92 and extend the agreement term to June 30, 2023. Through the City's successful administration and operating partnerships, the program has provided housing navigation support to over two hundred forty (240) individuals, stabilization support to over three hundred (300) individuals, and successful placement of 43 individuals into permanent housing.

EMP operations also continue to provide significant support to the City's Health & Safety Day activities and serve as a primary access point for individuals seeking to access Housing Authority of the County of Monterey Emergency Housing Vouchers. An additional twenty-five (25) permanent housing placements are anticipated in the near future when soon-to-be-available Salinas Homekey units move towards occupancy in July.

Based upon the EMP's continued success, as demonstrated by two prior amendments, the County has requested an extension of the term of the Agreement with the City and has made available additional County ARPA funding through the proposed Amendment No. 3.

DISCUSSION:

In recognition of the EMP's recent move to its current Salinas site, its continued success in navigating unhoused residents to permanent housing, and the County's desire to further support the program staff are recommending approval of Amendment No. 3. The additional \$543,336.17 in County ARPA funds and extension of the term of the Agreement will further support the comprehensive, essential program services and security and continued successful placement of formerly unhoused individuals into permanent housing.

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.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Approval of Amendment to the Agreement with the County will support much needed non-congregate shelter to vulnerable individuals under a supportive Housing First best practice model. This initiative supports City of Salinas 2022-2025 Strategic Plan Goals and Strategies of *Housing/Affordable Housing*.

DEPARTMENT COORDINATION:

This agenda item is solely administered by the Community Development Department with supportive contributions from the City Attorney and Finance Department..

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The acceptance of additional funds will have no impact on the General Fund. Additional County ARPA funds will be appropriated to the Project RoomKey Motel Program fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

County of Monterey Amendment No. 3 to Agreement #5010-197

County of Monterey Amendment No. 2 to Agreement #5010-197

County of Monterey Amendment No 1 to Agreement #5010-197

County of Monterey Agreement #5010-197