



**CITY OF SALINAS
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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TITLE: AMENDMENTS TO STANDARD AGREEMENT #5010-197 WITH THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY FOR THE SALINAS ARPA/PRK MOTEL PROGRAM

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a resolution authorizing:

1. Amendment Number One to Agreement #5010-197 with the County of Monterey to extend the agreement term through to June 30, 2023, and revise the total contract amount to \$3,858,925; and
2. Amendment Number Two to Agreement #5010-197 to accept and administer \$1,500,099.92 of County of Monterey American Rescue Plan Act funds; and
3. the City Manager or designee to execute all applicable agreements.

RECOMMENDATION:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On November 2, 2021, City of Salinas (City) entered into a Standard Agreement (Agreement) with the County of Monterey (County) to accept and administer \$1,796,632 of passthrough California Department of Social Services (CDSS) 2021-22 Project RoomKey (PRK) funds. The City used the County's PRK funds with an additional \$3 million of City's ARPA funds to create the City of Salinas ARPA/PRK Motel Program (Program). The program's intent is to provide emergency shelter options to unhoused County residents most vulnerable to the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and to support other City initiatives such as Health and Safety Days and the Encampment Resolution Fund grant. The County has received an expenditure deadline extension for Project

Roomkey funds and has also requested to add additional County ARPA funds to allow for program operations of the Program.

BACKGROUND:

On October 26, 2021 the City Council approve the creation of the Program to provide non-congregate 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, and/or to those who have been referred to shelter options from site-specific encampments in Salinas by the Salinas Outreach and Response Team (SORT). The Program was intended to run from November 2021 through October 2022. The County’s PRK funds had an initial end term of June 30, 2022.

The State of California recently extended the expenditure deadline of the County’s PRK funds to spend down during fiscal year 22-23. Due to the success of the Program, the County requested an extension of the term of the original Agreement with the City and has made available additional County ARPA funding through Amendments One and Two.

DISCUSSION:

Following the close out of the County’s original PRK Program operated by the Coalition of Homeless Service Providers (CHSP), the County and the City of Salinas joined forces to diversify and expand the Program through the mix of City ARPA and State PRK funding. Through the City’s successful administration and operating partnerships, the program has provided housing navigation support to about 237 individuals, stabilization support to 317 individuals, and has successfully placed 16 individuals into permanent housing.

Programs like these are instrumental in providing immediate, safe housing opportunities for those most in need while also providing strong support for best practices “housing first” model. To continue ensuring comprehensive, responsive, and outcome-oriented services are in place the City will continue to subcontract with the same experienced program partners to provide the necessary provision of safe, emergency motel sheltering with robust linkages and supports to access and obtain 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 amendments 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 several City of Salinas 2022-2025 Strategic Plan Goals and Strategies

including Housing/Affordable Housing, Public Safety, and Effective and Culturally Responsive Government.

DEPARTMENT COORDINATION:

This agenda item is solely administered by the Community Development Department with contributions from the Legal and Finance Departments.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The acceptance of additional funds will have no impact on the General Fund. Additional County ARPA funds will be appropriated in Org Set 2947.30.3245 in accordance with the budget provided to the Finance Department.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. County of Monterey Agreement #5010-197
3. County of Monterey Amendment Number One to Agreement #5010-197
4. County of Monterey Amendment Number Two to Agreement #5010-197