

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (N.C.S.)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALINAS CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF SALINAS AND DOWNTOWN STREETS TEAM

WHEREAS, the City Council approved funding during the 18/19 Mid-Year and 19/20 Annual Budgets for Downtown Streets Team (DST), a program focused on ending homelessness by restoring the dignity and rebuilding the lives of unhoused men and women; and

WHEREAS, the City and DST have agreed to enter into a Professional Services Agreement (Agreement) for a one (1) year term in an amount not to exceed \$405,000 (four hundred and five thousand dollars); and

WHEREAS, through this Agreement, DST would launch cleanup crews in Salinas' Chinatown and Downtown comprised of Team Members who are experiencing or at risk of homeless and who would receive case management services related to employment and housing and a basic needs stipend for their participation; and

WHEREAS, DST would maintain a Team of at least twenty-five (25) members and serve one hundred individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness over the course of one year; and

WHEREAS, DST would be deployed Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00pm starting in Chinatown and Downtown and could eventually be shifted to other areas in the City in need of clean-up assistance; and

WHEREAS, DST is uniquely qualified to conduct this work as one of only five evidence-based best practices recognized by the League of California Cities and the State Association of Counties' Homelessness Task Force for reducing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, DST is the only program with that demonstrated housing and employment outcomes that also has been effective in improving communities by removing debris and reducing future waste streams; and

WHEREAS, DST has gone through two cycles of a competitive CDBG application process and scored well but was not eligible for CDBG funding under the category of economic development, and the City Council CDBG and Housing Subcommittee recommended staff explore other funding to pilot the program in Salinas; and

WHEREAS, DST is able to provide a level of structure and support for individuals in the community who are eager to work and build upon their skills, while benefitting Chinatown and Downtown through cleaner streets, brighter neighborhoods and reduced blight.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Salinas that it hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager of the City of Salinas to execute the Agreement between the City of Salinas and Downtown Streets Team (DST) upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement as presented to the Council on this date; and

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of July 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

APPROVED

Joe Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk