



RESOLUTION NO. 41658

1 A RESOLUTION relating to homelessness; authorizing the execution of an
2 agreement with The Rescue Mission, in the amount of \$3,500,000,
3 budgeted from the General Fund, for the purpose of supporting The
4 Rescue Mission's men's shelter expansion of 100 beds, to reduce the
number of individuals residing in unauthorized encampments and areas
unfit for human habitation.

5 WHEREAS the City Council has identified homelessness and housing
6 stability as a top priority, emphasizing the need to create sustainable solutions to
7 address unsheltered homelessness, expand affordable housing opportunities, and
8 ensure equitable access to essential services, and
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10 WHEREAS The Rescue Mission ("TRM") was established in 1912, and
11 offers meals, shelter, recovery, and faith formation to people experiencing
12 homelessness, and TRM's Shelter Expansion Project ("Project") is a critical
13 initiative developed to address the increased demand for emergency shelter in the
14 City, and
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16 WHEREAS the City is facing a critical shortage of shelter capacity resulting
17 in growing encampments and an increased burden on existing resources and
18 emergency response services, and this shortage negatively impacts public health,
19 safety, stability, and wellbeing, and exacerbates issues related to unsheltered
20 homelessness including poor health outcomes, higher rates of mental illness and
21 substance abuse, and an increased need for support from law enforcement,
22 emergency response, and medical services, and
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24 WHEREAS there are currently 1,099 shelter beds available in the City for
25 single adults, families, youth, young adults, and survivors of domestic violence
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experiencing homelessness, and

1 WHEREAS the Pierce County comprehensive plan to end homelessness
2 has projected a need for an additional 200 shelter beds in the City of Tacoma, and

3 WHEREAS, through this Project, TRM will increase its capacity by 100
4 permanent shelter beds to provide basic emergency shelter and services for
5 additional persons experiencing homelessness in the City of Tacoma by
6 expanding capacity in the men's wing congregate shelter space on TRM's
7 downtown campus, which will help to address this urgent need for year-round
8 availability and access to supportive services to help individuals transition to
9 stable housing with a commitment to continue doing so for at least five years after
10 completion, and

11 WHEREAS the City has been operating under a state of emergency in
12 response to the rising number of people experiencing homelessness since May
13 2017, and

14 WHEREAS given the growing urgency to expand emergency shelter
15 capacity, the City is committed to providing \$3,500,000 to increase shelter
16 capacity and supportive services for people experiencing homelessness, and

17 WHEREAS this Project is in partnership with Pierce County and in
18 alignment with the Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness shelter plan, and
19 the \$3,500,000 budgeted from the General Fund will become available to TRM
20 after the City has finalized its contract with the United States Department of
21 Housing and Urban Development to deposit \$4,000,000 into the Federal Housing
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and Urban Development Fund and pass thru those funds to TRM thru the execution of a separate contract as an additional contribution to the Project, and

WHEREAS the total cost for the Project is \$19,101,267, to be funded as follows: (1) City of Tacoma, in the amount of \$3,500,000; (2) United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, in the amount of \$4,000,000 passed thru the City of Tacoma to TRM thru the execution of a separate contract; (3) Pierce County, in the amount of \$5,500,000; (4) Washington State Commerce, in the amount of \$5,000,000, and (5) The Rescue Mission, in the amount of \$1,101,267; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the foregoing Recitals are incorporated herein as the City Council's legislative findings.

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to enter into a Funding and Operations Agreement with The Rescue Mission, in the amount of \$3,500,000, budgeted from the General Fund for the purpose of supporting The Rescue Mission's Men's Shelter expansion of 100 beds, to reduce the number of individuals residing in unauthorized encampments and areas unfit for human habitation, said document to be substantially in the form of the agreement on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Section 3. That the City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to take and execute any additional measures or documents that may be necessary



to complete this transaction, which are consistent with the approved form of documents referenced in this Resolution, and the intent of this Resolution.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney