



RESOLUTION NO. 40323

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the homeless emergency; authorizing the execution
2 of an agreement with the Tacoma Rescue Mission in the amount of
3 \$1,600,000, budgeted from the Capital Projects Fund, for the purpose of
4 supporting the Tacoma Rescue Mission's emergency shelter expansion of
5 50 beds, to reduce the number of individuals residing in unauthorized
6 encampments and areas unfit for human habitation.

7 WHEREAS there are currently 400 shelter beds available in the City for
8 single adults, families, youth, young adults, and survivors of domestic violence
9 experiencing homelessness, and

10 WHEREAS the City's emergency shelters turn away 60-70 individuals and
11 families each night due to limited availability of bed space, and

12 WHEREAS, in May 2017, the City declared a state of emergency in
13 response to the growing number of people living in homeless encampments in
14 Tacoma, and

15 WHEREAS, in order to address the emergency, a three-phase emergency
16 response plan was developed, with Phases I and II implemented immediately to
17 mitigate public health impacts of encampments and provide safe, hygienic,
18 temporary shelter for those residing in them, and

19 WHEREAS Phase III was intended to identify short-term transitional
20 housing, referred to as the "Readiness Site"; however, staff research determined
21 that a transitional housing option such as the Readiness Site was not a financially
22 feasible or sustainable option, and

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WHEREAS staff is recommending the use of funding previously authorized for development of a Readiness Site for shelter expansion at the Tacoma Rescue Mission ("Rescue Mission"), and

WHEREAS the proposed expansion will transition an existing warehouse and storage facility located at the current Rescue Mission site to a permanent shelter, to provide temporary twenty-four hour shelter for adults, and

WHEREAS the total cost for the expansion project is \$2,650,000, to be funded as follows: (1) the City of Tacoma, in the amount of \$1,600,000; (2) two private donors, in the amount of \$600,000, conditioned upon securing City funding; and (3) the Rescue Mission, in the amount of \$450,000, and

WHEREAS approval of the proposed allocation of the second part Real Estate Excise Tax (REET 2) for this project by June 30, 2019, will constitute use of those funds to address homelessness and thereby will allow City to utilize the greater flexibility in REET 2 allocation afforded by recently enacted Engrossed House Bill 1219, and

WHEREAS the proposed Agreement to convert expansion an existing warehouse and storage facility located at the current Rescue Mission site to a permanent shelter is a measure taken pursuant to, and intended to address in part, the City's declared state of emergency regarding homelessness; 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.



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Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to enter into a Funding and Operations Agreement with the Tacoma Rescue Mission, in the amount of \$1,600,000, budgeted from the Capital Projects Fund, for the purpose of supporting the Tacoma Rescue Mission's emergency shelter expansion of 50 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