



RESOLUTION NO. 39176

1 A RESOLUTION relating to human services; authorizing the execution of an
2 agreement with Metropolitan Development Council (MDC) in the amount of
3 \$890,000 budgeted from the Mental Health Substance Use Disorder Fund,
4 providing funding that addresses the treatment and housing needs for those
5 experiencing homelessness for the period of January 1, 2015 through
6 December 31, 2016.

7 WHEREAS, on July 22, 2014, the City Council adopted the 2015-2019
8 Human Services Strategic Plan ("HSSP") presented by the Neighborhood and
9 Community Services department, and

10 WHEREAS Resolution No. 38978 specifically addressed the issue of
11 direct funding where deemed appropriate, including the City's Housing First
12 Contracts, and WHEREAS, on August 1, 2014 a competitive funding application
13 addressing identified funding priorities was released to the public, and

14 WHEREAS the Mental Health Substance Use Disorder Fund ("MHSUD")
15 has a total of four funding priorities which include: (1) Programs Targeted to
16 Help Youth, (2) Community Based Care, (3) Jail and Hospital Diversion, and (4)
17 Reduce Chronic Homelessness, and

18 WHEREAS, during the competitive process, Council asked staff to
19 identify priority areas that were not addressed throughout the competitive
20 process and ensure citizens' safety was not put at risk, and

21 WHEREAS staff determined that there was a gap in providing
22 Co-Occurring Disorder ("COD") treatment services for Tacoma residents, and
23 most specifically those in sheltered care, and
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WHEREAS, Council offered their support for creating a Shelter/COD Treatment Program, and

WHEREAS funding dedicated to this Program would come from MHSUD Direct Funding, and

WHEREAS the following contract is before City Council: (1) Metropolitan Development Council's (MDC's) Housing First program (a single-year contract in the amount of \$210,000) that will provide resources critical to transitioning individuals out of Housing First units into other housing resources in the Community as MDC surrenders their City of Tacoma Housing First program, and 2) MDC's Shelter/COD Treatment Program in the amount of \$680,000 providing clinical assessments, treatment, and the opportunity to attain subsidized housing at Nativity House for individuals with co-occurring disorders;

Now, Therefore,

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

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Metropolitan Development Council in the amount of \$890,000, budgeted from the Mental Health Substance Use Disorder Fund, to allow current housing first clients to be transitioned to safe housing, ensuring individuals do not experience homelessness, for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 and, further, a contract providing co-occurring



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disorder treatment services to individuals sheltered at Nativity House for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney