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SUBJECT: Homelessness Program Update
DATE: July 25, 2019

PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

The Neighborhood and Community Services Department (NCS) manages all homeless related programs funded by the City of Tacoma. This briefing will report on programs in place to address homelessness in Tacoma, and the Department's role in the Affordable Housing Action Strategy. Staff will also update on progress related to regional approaches and partnerships to address issues of homeless in Tacoma.

BACKGROUND:

On December 4, 2018 Tacoma City Council approved \$7,723,028 in contracted services for homeless supportive programs for the 2019-2020 biennium. Since December 2018, council has authorized an additional \$681,498 bringing the total for contracted services to \$8,404,526. Services include but are not limited to: housing, emergency shelter, street outreach, legal services and case management.

On September 25, 2018 The City Council passed Resolution 40112, receiving the Affordable Housing Action Strategy. Neighborhood and Community Services is the lead on three of the strategies identified in the plan.

ISSUE:

Identified as a City Council priority, staff has been requested by Council to report on work underway to address homelessness in Tacoma. A detailed update on youth and young adult homelessness services, and temporary shelter located at the Stability Site was presented to Council on July 16, 2019.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an information briefing only.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.