



CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

MEMORANDUM

City Manager's Office

DATE: May 1, 2018

TO: City Council

FROM: Kimberly S. Thomas, Assistant to the City Manager

VIA: Daniel H. Rich, City Manager

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget for Homeless Initiatives

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information regarding recent action on the City's homeless initiatives.

BACKGROUND

The City Council has discussed issues related to homeless and the unstably housed numerous times and has adopted a three-pronged strategy that invests heavily for two years on programs to assist those in need. Fiscal Year 2018-19 will be the second year of that effort. On March 6, 2018, the City Council approved the following recommendations to refine short-term programs to assist the homeless and unstably housed living in vehicles with funding appropriated in Fiscal Year 2017-18; \$250,000 was authorized in the Fiscal Year 2017-18 budget for housing or services to low-income residents from the one-time City housing funds.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSION

Staff will require time to execute contracts and purchases implementing the Council direction from March 6, 2018. Therefore, a rebudget of the one-time funds for Fiscal Year 2018-19 is recommended. The approved services and amounts are as follows:

- **Rapid Rehousing Fund:** Contract with the County to increase capacity to provide short-term financial assistance and support to quickly rehouse homeless households in their own independent permanent housing (\$100,000).
- **Biohazard Waste Cleanup:** Contract services to protect health and safety (\$10,000).

- **Waste Dump Pilot:** Supplemental funding required after bid process (\$5,000).
- **Safe Parking Program Pilot:** Support for new Mountain View nonprofit Lots of Love (\$25,000 start-up to June 2018; \$30,000 for Fiscal Year 2018-19).
- **RV/Vehicle Repair Funds:** One-time contribution to existing Community Services Agency (CSA) fund initiated by concerned community members (\$10,000).
- **Dignity on Wheels (DOW):** Existing City funding is provided through the summer of 2018, and funding is recommended to extend the service through Fiscal Year 2018-19 (\$20,000).
- **Towing Fees:** Pilot program to assist in the towing of older vehicles with biohazard or hazardous material clean-up issues and excess traffic violations (\$30,000).
- **Refine Rent Assistance Program:** To increase the use of the Rent Assistance Program, it is recommended that the program be made more flexible to meet the needs seen by CSA, including being available to households in the City who have experienced a reduction in income or loss of employment. (Reprogram existing funds with CSA \$70,000 – budget-neutral).
- **Parking Enforcement:** The Council also approved Council Report Option 1a – Continued Enforcement of Existing Codes with Increased Towing, and the first part of Option 1b – Additional Traffic Measures and Parking Signage. Adding the direction for \$20,000 (of \$250,000 total budgeted) for Police Department parking enforcement; and provided support for continued traffic reviews to address concerns with an emphasis on safety and visibility.

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