CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date	October 8, 2026
Originating Department	Executive
Contact Person	Phillip Hill, City Administrator
Title	Withdrawal from the King County Regional Homelessness Authority Interlocal Agreement

Legislative History

- First Presentation – October 8, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting
- Second Presentation
- Action

Attachments:

1. Agreement for Homelessness Services (AG-22-063)
2. MOU for Severe Weather Shelter (AG-23-008)
3. Email from King County Regional Homelessness Authority

Executive Summary

In early August, the administration was contacted by representatives of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA), informing the city that KCRHA would no longer be administering locally funded service contracts. Resulting from the agencies reorganization, the current contracting structure will no longer fit their future operating model and, in some cases, could add unnecessary administrative burden for providers.

Background

In 2019, the City of Seattle and King County jointly established the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) to coordinate a regional homelessness response system, including service provider contracts. The Lake Forest Park City Council approved an Interlocal Agreement (AG-22-063) with KCRHA and the cities of Shoreline, Kenmore, Bothell and Woodinville to participate in

sub-regional collaboration and pooled homelessness response funding. From 2023-2026, the Lake Forest Park Severe Weather Shelter funding was administered by the King County Regional Homelessness Authority under the terms of this ILA.

The proposed withdrawal is primarily an administrative and governance adjustment. KCRHA is transitioning away from locally funded contract administration as Seattle and King County funded service contracts return to those jurisdictions. The future operating model of KCRHA does not include the administration of municipal contracts.

For severe weather services, it has been confirmed that KCRHA will implement the existing contract with Urban League to provide severe weather services in North King County, currently at St. Dunstan's Church in Shoreline, through December 31, 2026. The City of Shoreline has indicated willingness to administer the contract for these services beginning January 1, 2027. Staff anticipate returning to Council with an agreement between the five cities for the funding and administration of the severe weather contract before the end of the year.

For shelter and outreach services, the contracts administered by KCRHA end on December 31, 2026. Staff will include these services in the broader community partners funding recommendation that comes before Council as part of the biennial budget process and take over administration of these contracts beginning January 1, 2027.

Fiscal & Policy Implications

There is no fiscal impact to the city resulting from this change. The city allocates restricted funds it receives through a sales tax credited against the state sales tax for housing investments. These funds were made available to the city through the 2019 Legislative session's House Bill 1406.

Alternatives

Options	***Results***
• Withdraw from the KHRHA ILA	The 5-cities will propose an ILA structure to continue providing severe weather shelter along the north end.
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Staff Recommendation

Authorize the Mayor to withdraw from the Interlocal Agreement (AG-22-063) with KCRHA.