



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Request for Council Action – Family Housing

Preferred Agenda: August 6, 2024

Submitted By: Kelcey Young, City Manager

Reviewed By: Cecily Hope Pretty, Administrative Services Director

Type of Action: Resolution Motion Roll Call Other

Relevant Code/Policy: Comprehensive Plan, 2023 Homelessness State of Emergency Proclamation

Towards Council Goal: Infrastructure, Be an Effective and Efficient Government, Rejuvenate Essential Services, Economic Strength, Image Building

Attachments: Housing Quotes

Purpose of this RCA:

To seek City Council approval for the purchase of family housing units for installation at 44th and Osage. This housing will be temporary housing for families in transition. This is high barrier housing that is only for families with children and does not allow drugs or pets. This housing will be managed by a third party that is also paid for by grant funding. These houses are small, but aesthetically pleasing and provide dignity for the families and children of Sweet Home who need them.

The total purchase is for \$263,050 and includes shipping and the following structures:

- Two 40-foot houses for \$106,000
- Two 20-foot houses for \$75,200
- One A-frame house for \$77,900

Background/Context:

Through proclamation on March 1, 2023, the City of Sweet Home declared a state of emergency regarding the homeless population in Sweet Home. Additionally, the City has identified families as a group in need of housing in partnership with the Sweet Home School District. The Governor provided emergency funding to the Linn County MAC group to be distributed through grants. The City of Sweet Home applied and was awarded funding in order to provide family housing for families in transition while they obtain permanent housing.

The City received multiple bids with various housing options. The City selected ATL as best value for the money due to the quality and built-in features.

The Challenge/Problem:

Multiple families are currently in transition and are awaiting permanent housing. Many of the families have jobs and/or qualify for assistance, but are unable to obtain permanent housing due to long waiting lists.

Stakeholders:

1. **Citizens**: Citizens deserve clean streets and children deserve safe places to be.
2. **City Council**: City Council will be working towards their overall citywide goals and the goals set forth by the state of emergency.
3. **City Staff**: Staff will be empowered to fulfill the grant requirements.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

This project is entirely grant funded.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

A fiscally responsible method to improve living conditions for all residents.

Options:

1. Do Nothing: The City Manager will not purchase the housing and no housing will be pursued at this time.
2. Amend the project: Suggest an alternate project or selections for family housing.
3. Authorize the purchase: Move to approve the purchase of the family housing up to \$270,000.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Option 3: Move to approve the purchase of the family housing.