



# REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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**Title:** Purchase of Bathroom/Shower and Laundry Trailers

**Preferred Agenda:** September 25, 2023

**Submitted By:** Blair Larsen, Community & Economic Development Director

**Reviewed By:** Kelcey Young, City Manager

**Type of Action:** Resolution \_\_\_\_ Motion  Roll Call \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_

**Relevant Code/Policy:** N/A

**Towards Council Goal:** Aspiration I, Desirable Community

**Attachments:** Elk Creek Bathroom/Shower Trailer Quote 1  
NRT Bathroom/Shower Trailer Quote 2  
AMS Global Bathroom/Shower Trailer Quote 3  
NRT Laundry Trailer Quote 1  
Elk Creek Laundry Trailer Quote 2  
AMS Global Laundry Trailer Quote 3

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**Purpose of this RCA:**

The purpose of this RCA is to approve the purchase of Shower and Laundry trailers as part of the City's effort to fight homelessness.

**Background/Context:**

The City Manager has worked with Linn County and Community Services Consortium (CSC) to obtain federal funding that can be used on the City's efforts to fight homelessness. One use of this funding that has been fully approved by the funding agency is the purchase of shower/bathroom trailers and a laundry trailer. One shower/bathroom trailer would be placed at the Police Department, and another shower/bathroom trailer, plus one laundry trailer, would be placed at the FAC facility.

Due to the costs of the equipment involved, Council approval is required for the purchase. City Staff have obtained the attached quotes and recommend Quote #1 in each category.

**The Challenge/Problem:**

How does the City address the impacts of homelessness?

### **Stakeholders:**

- Sweet Home Residents and Businesses – Residents and businesses deserve a neat, clean, and orderly city. Facilities that allow unsheltered residents clean themselves and their belongings help accomplish this purpose.
- Sweet Home City Council – Council members are the voice of the citizens they serve and represent and are responsible for determining the uses and services offered on City property.
- Family Assistance and Resource Center Group – FAC has partnered with the City to provide help for the unsheltered and others in the community, and this equipment will help them accomplish their purpose.

### **Issues and Financial Impacts:**

The full cost (including delivery) from the recommended vendors of the bathroom/shower trailers is \$133,972, and the cost of the laundry trailer is \$41,414, for a total of \$175,386. 100% federal funding through CSC has already been approved for these costs, and no City match is required. Once the City has paid for this equipment, Staff will submit our expenses for full reimbursement.

### **Elements of a Stable Solution:**

A stable solution is one that provides help to the unsheltered with little financial impact on the City.

### **Options:**

1. Do nothing – Make no purchase, which result in no money spent, and no money gained from granting agencies.
2. Approve the Purchase of two Shower/Bathroom Trailers from Elk Creek Trailers, LLC for \$133,972 and one Laundry Trailer from NRT Specialty Trailers for \$41,414 as detailed in the attached documents– After approval, Staff will make the purchases and submit for reimbursement from the funding agency.
3. Direct Staff to research other options to accomplish the same goal.

### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends option 2: Approve the Purchase of two Shower/Bathroom Trailers from Elk Creek Trailers, LLC for \$133,972 and one Laundry Trailer from NRT Specialty Trailers for \$41,414 as detailed in the attached documents.