



City of Tualatin

CITY OF TUALATIN Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

FROM: Megan George, Deputy City Manager

DATE: March 25, 2024

SUBJECT:

Consideration of Resolution 5763-24 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with Washington County, and the Cities of Tigard, and Sherwood Related to Funding for a Homeless Services System City Liaison and Homeless Services Capital Projects

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In May 2020, Metro voters passed the Supportive Housing Services measure to fund both shelter and wraparound services for the Metro area homeless population. Washington County received funding for the unincorporated county and its incorporated cities, including Tualatin.

While Washington County is responsible for implementation of the Supportive Housing Services funds and is the Continuum of Care lead agency, cities must navigate the challenges of homelessness through their provision of services like libraries, law enforcement, economic development, parks and recreation, and neighbor relations on a daily basis. Washington County cities have varying levels of staff capacity dedicated to homeless issues.

To address capacity issues and provide for more coordination and action on homelessness between the county and cities, Washington County has agreed to fund several Homeless Services System City Liaison positions. Currently, positions are moving forward for the cities of Hillsboro and Beaverton as well as a single position shared by Tualatin, Tigard, and Sherwood. In addition, the agreement could serve as the conduit for additional funding for capital projects. However, at this time, there are no immediate plans to use this agreement to fund capital projects in Tualatin, Tigard, or Sherwood.

The general role of the position is to support coordination of services, provide clear information about homelessness and the service system, and help to identify local issues that can be resolved between parties through coordination. Tigard will be the position's employer and is responsible for the overall assignment of the position. The position will be dedicated to Tualatin approximately 25% of their time.

OUTCOMES OF DECISION:

Approval of the attached resolution will allow the City to enter into an agreement with Washington County, and the cities of Tigard and Sherwood. If all parties sign the intergovernmental agreement, the City of Tigard will invoice Washington County and begin recruiting for the liaison position. Tigard has classified the position as a "Program Coordinator" and Tualatin and Sherwood staff will be engaged in the hiring process and eventually provide direction to the position as it pertains to our respective organizations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Washington County will fund the City of Tigard \$200,000 per fiscal year for the first three years of the agreement. After the initial term, the annual funding amount will be renegotiated by mutual agreement in subsequent years. Washington County is funding this agreement from their share of Metro's Supportive Housing Services measure.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution 5763-24
- Exhibit A Intergovernmental Agreement