

TO: City Council
FROM: John Doan, City Administrator
DATE: February 1, 2022
SUBJECT: Service Provider Agreement with TOGETHER! for Rental Housing Assistance

1) Recommended Action:

Authorize the City to enter into a Service Provider Agreement with TOGETHER! for the provision of Rental Housing Assistance in 2022.

2) Background:

Last year, the City contracted with TOGETHER! to provide rental assistance in the community in order to reduce evictions and the occurrence of homelessness. The contract provided for \$50,000 from 2020 Affordable Housing Sales Tax Fund (a.k.a. 1406 Funds) collections. TOGETHER! was able to distribute \$45,000 of those funds last year. Attached is their report on the effectiveness of those awards. Because of these funds, they were able to leverage an additional \$30,000 in funding to help keep families housed.

Staff is proposing the 2022 contract that would allow for the remaining \$5,000 from 2019's 1406 funds be re-authorized to rental assistance, along with an additional \$50,000 from the City's General Fund housing dollars.

3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priorities and Goals 2021 – 2026

Build a Community Recognized for Quality, Compassion and Humanity

- Work with government, non-profit, and private partners to develop and implement a performance based plan for affordable housing and to address homelessness.
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4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Modify the funding amount, vendor or pursue a different course of action.
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5) Fiscal Notes:

Fund 105 – Affordable Housing Sales Tax (105.01.565.400.41.08) \$5,000, which expends the estimated revenue from 2020. The subsequent revenue is being reserved for a regional project per an interlocal agreement.

General Fund – Homeless Solutions (001.03.552.900.41.01) \$50,000, which leaves \$70,000 for future initiatives in the remainder of 2022.

6) Attachments:

- A. TOGETHER! Service Provider Agreement with Scope of Services
- B. Report from 2021 Rental Assistance Services