

TO: City Council
FROM: Lisa Parks, City Administrator
DATE: July 25, 2023
SUBJECT: TOGETHER! Host Homes Pilot Program / Stay Home Program Project Update

1) Recommended Action:

No action is required. This is an update only.

2) Background:

TOGETHER! Host Homes Director Tami Lathrop will provide a final update on the Host Homes Pilot Program / Stay Home Program Project.

The City entered into a multi-year contract in 2021 to help house unaccompanied youth. The contract will close out August 31, 2023, after providing financial support for the last two school years. As part of the contract requirements, TOGETHER! will provide a final update on the program. The goal of the program was to create and facilitate a safe, short-term, housing option for unaccompanied adolescents and young adults within the Tumwater School District and to match those students with Host Families in their community. This program is a shelter diversion program and meant to provide youth with an option for short-term housing in the continuum of youth services.

3) Policy Support:

VISION | MISSION | BELIEFS

- Opportunity | We seize opportunities to improve our community's social, environmental, and economic well-being. We endeavor to realize positive opportunities in adverse situations and periods of change.

Strategic Priorities and Goals 2023-2024

- Build a Community Recognized for Quality, Compassion and Humanity
 - Support housing stability policies/programs
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4) Alternatives:

This is an update only.

5) Fiscal Notes:

There is no cost associated with this update. The total contract with TOGETHER! for the pilot program was \$100,000.00 (\$50,000.00 per school year 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.)

6) Attachments:

A. TOGETHER! Host Homes Pilot Program Quarter 3 Report