

TO: City Council
FROM: Brad Medrud, Planning Manager
DATE: December 5, 2023
SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreement with the Regional Housing Council for the Franz Anderson Project

1) Recommended Action:

Approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Regional Housing Council for the Franz Anderson Project.

2) Background:

After the City Council adopted Resolution No. R2018-016 in the summer of 2018, the City has undertaken a number of actions to address homelessness, increase affordable housing, and continue to work with other jurisdictions and agencies to explore regional solutions to these issues.

With assistance from the City and the other members of the Regional Housing Council, the City of Olympia has been working on a permanently supportive housing project on Franz Anderson Road SE in Olympia near the Interstate 5 Pacific Avenue interchange.

The City has determined it to be an equitable choice to support the Franz Anderson permanently supportive housing project in the City of Olympia, which would result in affordable long-term housing and serve as a public benefit for the region.

The General Government Committee was briefed on the letter of commitment to commit \$275,000 for the project at their May 10, 2023 meeting and recommended City Council approval of the letter. The City Council approved the letter of commitment on May 16, 2023.

The City of Olympia staff in coordination with the other members of the Regional Housing Council drafted the interlocal agreement between the Cities of Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, and Thurston County to use ARPA and other funds to facilitate development of the project.

The City Council discussed the interlocal agreement at a work session on November 28, 2023 and recommended that it be placed on the City Council's December 5, 2023 meeting consent calendar for approval.

3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priority to Build a Community Recognized for Quality, Compassion and Humanity with a goal of "Work with government, non-profit, and private partners to develop and implement a performance-based plan for affordable housing and to address homelessness"

Housing Element Goal H-3: To provide adequate, affordable housing for residents of all income groups, including sufficient housing affordable to low and moderate-income groups.

4) Alternatives:

☐ None.

5) Fiscal Notes:

\$275,000 in City of Tumwater's general funds will be used to fund the project.

6) Attachment:

A. Interlocal Agreement with the Regional Housing Council for the Franz Anderson Project