



AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

CITY OF HAWTHORNE

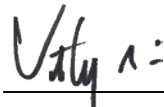
City Council

AGENDA BILL

For the meeting of September 24, 2024

Originating Department: City Manager

City Manager:


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SUBJECT:

Approval of an Agreement for Homelessness Coordination between the City of Hawthorne and St. Margaret Center

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the agreement with St. Margaret Center to establish a partnership that will fund and fill the position of a Homeless Services Supervisor. The Homeless Services Supervisor will coordinate homelessness outreach, services, and programs within the City of Hawthorne.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Hawthorne has experienced a growing need for effective homelessness services, including outreach, case management, and coordination with regional services. St. Margaret Center, a leading local nonprofit with a history of providing critical social services to vulnerable populations, has been identified as a key partner in addressing homelessness. The City of Hawthorne seeks to enter into an agreement with St. Margaret Center to create a dedicated Homeless Services Supervisor position to enhance coordination and expand services for individuals experiencing homelessness.

The proposed Homeless Services Supervisor will work closely with both the City of Hawthorne and St. Margaret Center to provide oversight of the city's homelessness response. The role will focus on the following key responsibilities:

1. **Outreach and Engagement:** Engaging with individuals and families experiencing homelessness within the city to provide resources, referrals, and services.
2. **Case Management:** Assisting un-housed individuals by connecting them to shelter, mental health services, job training, and other supportive programs.

3. **Coordination of Services:** Collaborating with local non-profits, county services, and regional partners to streamline and improve service delivery to the homeless population.
4. **Monitoring and Reporting:** Tracking outcomes, monitoring service delivery, and providing reports to the city regarding homelessness trends and interventions.
5. **Grant and Funding Management:** Assisting the city in identifying grant opportunities and securing funds to support homelessness services.

St. Margaret Center will be responsible for overseeing the employment and day-to-day management of the Homeless Services Case Manager. The City of Hawthorne will provide funding support and collaborate closely on homelessness policy, program development, and outreach efforts. Homelessness remains a significant challenge in the City of Hawthorne. The partnership with St. Margaret Center to create a Homeless Services Supervisor position represents a proactive step toward improving coordination and services for the city's un-housed population. This dedicated role will increase the city's capacity to engage and support homeless individuals and ensure a more comprehensive approach to addressing homelessness. Staff recommends that the City Council approve the agreement with St. Margaret Center and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents to implement this partnership.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN:

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for this item are made available by the American Rescue Plan.

NOTICING PROCEDURES:

72 hours posted notice pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. AGREEMENT FOR HOMELESSNESS COORDINATION SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND ST. MARGARET'S CENTER/CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF LOS ANGELES, INC.