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Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Allocate up to \$89,040 for the 2015-16 Winter Emergency Shelter and Warming Center Response **(8 Votes Required)**

Attached for your consideration and approval is a request to authorize the City Administrator to allocate up to \$89,040.00 for a winter emergency shelter and warming center for Fiscal Year 15-16 and consider annual funding thereafter in response to the need to accommodate the demand for safe and warm space for vulnerable residents impacted by homelessness during emergency weather conditions.

**Budget Impact:**

Funding for this effort was not budgeted for FY2016, so a one-time use of fund balance is required if approved. If Council desires to fund this effort on a recurring basis, recurring revenues should be identified during the budget development process for future years. If future appropriations are made, staff recommends incorporating this appropriation as a directed distribution through Community Development (and potentially in future years through the established coordinated funding process).

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Reviewed by: Sumedh Bahl, Community Services Area Administrator

Whereas, The 2013-14 winter season was particularly brutal for Washtenaw County residents - and no more so for those most vulnerable residents struggling with homelessness;

Whereas, The local sheltering system was stretched beyond capacity to accommodate the overwhelming demand for safe, warm space during the near-constant emergency weather conditions;

Whereas, The Office of Community & Economic Development - on behalf of the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, and the local Continuum of Care Board - and the Washtenaw Housing Alliance convened a Winter Emergency Shelter/Warming Center Response work group in the fall of 2014;

Whereas, The workgroup proceeded to review the scope of the problem, surface and evaluate a set

of possible solutions, and explore a variety of community partnerships and funding sources;

Whereas, the effort resulted in an improved, better planned, and efficiently coordinated response in the 2014-2015 Winter;

Whereas, the City of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County each committed up to half of the total cost of recommendations for the 2014-2015 Winter;

Whereas, It is requested that the City and the County each commit to providing up to 50% of the total cost for this approach for the 2015-16 Winter and consider future funding annually thereafter.

RESOLVED, That City Council hereby amends the FY2016 General Fund budget to increase Community Development expenditures for a one-time expenditure by \$89,040.00 to be funded by the General Fund fund balance and appropriates this funding for the purpose of supporting the 2015-16 winter emergency shelter and warming center response; and

RESOLVED, That this hereby authorizes the City Administrator to sign necessary contract documents upon review and approval of the City Attorney.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Briere