

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

December 13, 2018

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SUBJECT

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Update on HERO Team

***RESOLUTION - 25th amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution (AAR) No. 2018-157 to appropriate \$420,000 for homeless services provided by the Hero Team (WestCare) (Requires 5 affirmative votes) (Subject to Mayor's veto)

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RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached resolution allocating \$420,000 in carryover resources for the continuation of HERO Team services.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On March 1, 2016, the City entered into an agreement with WestCare California to provide critical street outreach, connecting homeless individuals and families with needed services. The original contract provided \$420,000 in funding to provide these services. This funding amount has allowed Westcare to provide services through January of 2018. Through an oversight in the budget process, additional funding to continue the program was not included in FY19 budget appropriations. Staff requests to utilize \$420,000 of FY18 carryover funds to ensure that this homeless service delivery system can continue.

BACKGROUND

On March 1, 2016, the City of Fresno entered into a contract with Westcare California to provide a critical street outreach connecting homeless individuals and families with needed services. Appropriations of \$420,000 were approved by Council to fund this effort which filled a critical gap in our community's homeless services system.

The contract with WestCare California included three other community partners: Poverello House, Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission, and Turning Point of Central California. Together they have provided seven-days a week coverage with a team of eight dedicated Outreach/Navigator positions. This multi-agency team works alongside the Fresno Police Department's Homeless Task Force to respond to requests for street outreach, complete assessments, and coordinate with all MAP Points, housing and supportive services.

Since starting the HERO team in March of 2016, the original \$420,000 of funding was stretched to provide these services through January of 2018. Through an oversight in the budget process, funding was not included in FY19 budget appropriations. To rectify that oversight, staff requests to utilize \$420,000 of carryover funds to assure that this innovative, small but vital element of our community's homeless service delivery system be allowed to continue.

ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS

This is not a project pursuant to CEQA guideline 15378.

LOCAL PREFERENCE

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

The \$420,000 will be provided from the FY 2018 carryover funds.

Attachment:

Attachment A: 25th Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution (AAR) No. 2018
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