



# ***Agenda Report***

## ***Fullerton City Council***

**MEETING DATE:** MAY 19, 2020

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

**SUBMITTED BY:** KENNETH A. DOMER, CITY MANAGER

**PREPARED BY:** MATT FOULKES, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**SUBJECT:** SAFE PARKING PROGRAM EXTENSION

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### SUMMARY

Request authorization for the City Manager to extend the Safe Parking Program for an additional three months, through August 31, 2020. The extension is due to COVID-19 and the concern with where the current and future homeless clients will migrate to find other safe parking locations.

### RECOMMENDATION

1. Authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute Lease Agreement or other appropriate document and Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Pathways of Hope or other qualified service provider, in forms approved by the City Attorney, and take all necessary actions to continue Safe Parking Program.
2. Appropriate use of not to exceed \$45,000 (Non-General Fund) Low-Mod Income funds in the Housing Fund (Fund 26) to implement a three-month Safe Parking Program.

### PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement:

- Public Safety.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Preliminary cost estimates for the provision of on-site security and sanitation infrastructure to implement a three-month extension of the Safe Parking Program is \$45,000. The requested \$45,000 is available in the Low-Mod Income reserves in the Housing Fund and is appropriate for the proposed use and the current program is \$10,000 under the initial allocation of funding. The City will also seek reimbursement through the

federal, state and city-declared emergency proclamations. There are no General Fund costs associated with this action.

## DISCUSSION

In October 2019, the City Council directed Staff to implement a Temporary Safe Parking Program (Program). The Program commenced on November 12, 2019 for a six-month period schedule to end on May 12, 2020. The selected service provider, Illumination Foundation, operated the Program and provided case management services for all Program participants. At a recent City Council meeting, a request was made to continue the Program for three additional months due to the COVID-19 emergency. Attached is a copy of the Safe Parking Pilot Program Report, which provides an overview of the Program for the initial six-month period. From November 2019 to May 2020, the Program provided the following:

- 20 clients served, including a family with an infant
- 15 vehicles utilized the Program
- Four clients were housed
- All clients had linkage to services.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, vehicle outreach was suspended in March which reduced the total number of clients served.

When the program was conceived in 2019 the Illumination Foundation was the only service provider who responded to the request for proposals to administer a safe parking program. However, based on the success of the Program over the last six months, both Illumination Foundation and Pathways of Hope were interested in operating the three-month extension. The Illumination Foundation has shifted its focus in recent months to provide more services and facilities related to homelessness which has resulted in less staff resources available to administer the safe parking program. As a result, Staff is recommending that Pathways of Hope become the service provider for the three-month extension. As with the original six-month Program, Safe Parking will be for persons experiencing homelessness with established ties to Fullerton.

The program extension will follow the same guidelines as the original Program by providing for overnight parking (6:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.) for homeless individuals and/or families who currently dwell in their vehicles. Pathways of Hope will provide customer screening, intake and case management services for program participants to connect to them to appropriate services.

The three-month extension to the Program allows the City to both provide a needed resource for Fullerton people experiencing homelessness living in their vehicles and continue to gather important data regarding the service needs of this segment of the homeless population to help inform future programs/services. This is an eligible reimbursement through the City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Safe Parking Pilot Program Report