



County Executive Office

Memorandum

January 17, 2024

To: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
From: Frank Kim, County Executive Officer
Subject: Exception to Rule 21

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The County Executive Office is requesting a Supplemental Agenda Staff Report for the January 23, 2024, Board Hearing.

Agency: County Executive Office
Subject: Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Anaheim
Districts: 2, 3, 4

Reason Item is Supplemental: On December 20, 2023, the Commission to End Homelessness directed the County to negotiate with the City of Anaheim for a Cold Weather Emergency Shelter Program. The Office of Care Coordination has been working expeditiously to finalize a Memorandum of Understanding with the City to provide funding for the operations of a Cold Weather Emergency Shelter Program from February 1, 2024, through April 15, 2024. The Agenda Staff report and attachment were finalized after the filing deadline to the Clerk of the Board.

Justification: This item needs to be on the supplemental agenda on January 23, 2024, to provide the City of Anaheim with funding for a Cold Weather Emergency Shelter Program to serve individuals experiencing homelessness who need shelter during cold and inclement months.

Concur: [Handwritten signature of Donald P. Wagner]
Donald P. Wagner, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

cc: Board of Supervisors
County Executive Office
County Counsel



**SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 01/23/24
LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): 2, 3, 4
SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: County Executive Office
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SUBJECT: Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Anaheim

CEO CONCUR

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COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW

Agreement Approved as to Form
Action

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County Counsel Signature

**CLERK OF THE BOARD
Discussion**

3 Votes Board Majority

Budgeted: Yes

Current Year Cost: \$137,500

Annual Cost: N/A

Staffing Impact: No

of Positions:

Sole Source: N/A

Current Fiscal Year Revenue: N/A

Funding Source: Other: 100% (See Financial Impact Section)

County Audit in last 3 years: No

Levine Act Review Completed: N/A

Prior Board Action: 1/24/2023 #S29D, 11/16/2021 #16, 6/4/2019 #42, 4/24/2018 #55

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Orange and the City of Anaheim for the Cold Weather Emergency Shelter Program, effective February 1, 2024, through April 15, 2024.
2. Authorize the Director of Care Coordination, or designee to execute the Memorandum of Understanding as referenced in the Recommended Action above.

SUMMARY:

Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Orange and the City of Anaheim will allow for the operations of a Cold Weather Emergency Shelter Program for individuals experiencing homelessness in the City of Anaheim who need shelter during the cold and inclement weather months.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The County of Orange (County) has been working collaboratively with the community since 2007 to provide Cold Weather Emergency Shelter Program (Program) for persons experiencing homelessness in

Orange County during the winter months. The Program ensures safe shelter and respite from cold and inclement weather for persons experiencing homelessness that are not otherwise engaged with year-round emergency shelters elsewhere in Orange County.

Prior Board of Supervisors (Board) Actions:

Board Date	Contract/Amendment	Term	Action
April 24, 2018	Contract	FY 2018-19	Approved License to Use State Military Property for the Armory
June 4, 2019	Contract	FY 2019-20	Approved License to Use State Military Property for the Santa Ana and Fullerton Armory facilities
November 16, 2021	Contract	FY 2021-22	Approved License to Use State Military Property Agreement for the Santa Ana Armory facility and approved contract with Volunteers of America of Los Angeles
January 24, 2023	Contract	FY 2022-23	Approved as contract with PATH – People Assisting the Homeless

The Program previously accommodated up to 400 individuals at the Fullerton and Santa Ana National Guard Armory locations. However, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the operations of the Program were modified during FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 to incorporate the appropriate public health services guidelines and changes in resources available.

For the FY 2022-23 cold weather season, the Program operated at the Fullerton Independence Park with a capacity of up to 90 beds to offer respite from cold and inclement weather to individuals experiencing homelessness in the North Service Planning Area.

On August 16, 2023, the Commission to End Homelessness provided direction to the County’s Office of Care Coordination (OCC) to send a letter to all 34 cities asking each city to provide options for a Cold Weather Emergency Shelter Program in each city. On December 13, 2023, the Commission to End Homelessness directed the OCC to further explore, negotiate and potentially implement plans for a Cold Weather Emergency Shelter Program with the City of Anaheim (City), and continue to explore other options as well.

OCC has worked with the City on the development of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a Cold Weather Emergency Shelter Program. The MOU notes that the County will contribute funding to the City for the Program to provide access to emergency shelter beds and supportive services to individuals experiencing homelessness in the City from February 1, 2024, to April 15, 2024, in response to inclement and cold weather events. The City will contract with faith-based and/or community-based organizations for provision of up to a maximum of 50 emergency shelter beds and supportive services for individuals experiencing homelessness to be activated based on inclement and cold weather events, such as overnight temperature at or below 45 degrees as forecasted by the National Weather Services, freeze warnings, wind advisories, and wind chill. The Cold Weather Emergency Shelter Program will provide a safe place to sleep, a hot meal in the morning, access to restrooms, light case management and connections to supportive services. The MOU contains standard County language developed and approved by County Counsel.

The agreed upon activities outlined in the proposed MOU are in alignment with the Shelter Pillar's best practices, guiding principles and commitments as detailed in the Homeless Service System Pillar Report.

Given the cold and inclement weather, the Office of Care Coordination is bringing this MOU to the Board for approval less than 30 days before the MOU start date. The Office of Care Coordination worked expeditiously to finalize the MOU with the City to provide funding for a Cold Weather Emergency Shelter Program. The City will bring the MOU to their City Council for approval on January 23, 2024.

Approval of the MOU with the City will support the implementation of Cold Weather Emergency Shelter program for individuals experiencing homelessness in the City of Anaheim who need shelter during the inclement weather months. By approving the Recommended Actions, the County will be able to support in the operations of vital homeless service program for individuals experiencing homelessness and support the City's commitment and effort to address homelessness.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Appropriations for this MOU are included in Budget Control 017 FY 2023-24 Budget. This MOU is funded by the interest earnings from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) Grant and has no impact to the County General Fund.

STAFFING IMPACT:

N/A

ATTACHMENT(S):

Attachment A - Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Anaheim