

CITY OF HAYWARD

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DATE: November 16, 2021

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT

Adopt a Resolution 1) Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development for \$662,000 for the City of Hayward Navigation Center; 2) Accept and Appropriate State Funds; and 3) Reallocate Realized Savings to Mid-County Housing Resource Center (HRC) for Flexible Funding Administration

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopt a resolution (Attachment II):

- 1) Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development for \$662,000 for the City of Hayward Navigation Center;
- 2) Accept and Appropriate State Funds; and
- 3) Reallocate Realized Savings to Mid-County Housing Resource Center (HRC) for Flexible Funding Administration.

SUMMARY

In March 2021, staff worked with the City's lobbyist, Capital Advocacy Partners, to submit a request for one-time State funding for use at the Hayward Navigation Center. The City of Hayward requested \$662,000 to purchase the modular buildings at the Hayward Navigation Center. In October 2021, the City was notified that pursuant to the 2021-22 California Budget Act, (2021-22 Budget Bill Jr., Chapter 69, Section 19.56) the City of Hayward will receive the requested amount of \$662,000 from the State General Fund.

These one-time funds will assist in sustaining the Hayward Navigation Center. The purchase of the facilities at the Hayward Navigation Center will allow the City to continue providing support and services to individuals experiencing homelessness. The Center provides immediate shelter, intensive case management, and housing navigation services to homeless adults in Hayward. Since the November 2019 opening, 153 individuals have exited the Hayward Navigation Center, with 98 exits to permanent housing. Exits to permanent housing comprise 64% of all exits (n=98) from the Hayward Navigation Center. After exits to permanent housing, 17% of exits (n=26) were to Safer Ground or other emergency services, 8% (n=12) were housed in temporary placements (primarily through family or friend reunification), and the remaining 11% of exits (n=17) were back to homelessness, medical exits, or to the juvenile justice

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system.

Annually, the City of Hayward spends approximately \$130,000 on building rentals at the Hayward Navigation Center. With this grant, there will be FY21-22 realized cost savings that would have otherwise been spent on building rental costs for the remaining portion of this fiscal year. With realized savings, staff recommend reallocating these funds to the Mid-County Housing Resource Center (HRC) in the form of flexible funding for direct client support. Bay Area Community Services is the newly selected Mid-County HRC operator and has a proven track record of successfully managing flexible funds for direct client support to overcome barriers for individuals experiencing homelessness to move into and stabilize in permanent housing.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I Staff Report
Attachment II Resolution