



RESOLUTION NO. 40488

1 A RESOLUTION relating to public health and safety; recommending a contract
2 in the amount of \$388,000 be awarded to the Low Income Housing
3 Institute, to operate a temporary emergency shelter site, proposed to be
located at 802 Martin Luther King Junior Way.

4 WHEREAS, in May of 2017, the City declared a state of emergency relating
5 to homelessness, to mitigate the impacts of unauthorized homeless encampments,
6 and enable processes to address the public health and safety risk encampments
7 posed to both the inhabitants of the encampments, and the surrounding
8 community, and
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10 WHEREAS a stability site was set up by the City to provide temporary
11 emergency shelter for up to 100 individuals, and temporary shelter regulations
12 were adopted to allow faith-based and nonprofit organizations to operate
13 temporary shelters on their property, with a goal of increasing the amount of
14 shelter beds available, and
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16 WHEREAS the City's declaration of the state of emergency related to
17 homelessness has been extended through December 1, 2019, and
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19 WHEREAS, the current Annual Point-in-Time Count data from January
20 2019 shows a reported 436 homeless individuals in the City, 120 of whom are
21 unsheltered, and the data also shows a deficit in available shelter beds in the City,
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23 WHEREAS the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 28615 ("Ordinance") on
24 October 1, 2019, which amends Tacoma Municipal Code 8.27 ("Code") to address
25 emerging public safety issues impacting the quality of life in public parks, with one
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1 update to the Code limiting permissible “structures” in parks to those specifically
2 authorized, or having only a roof and no walls, and

3 WHEREAS since adoption of the Ordinance, homeless individuals staying in
4 public parks have moved their structures to City rights-of-way, where structures are
5 also prohibited, and

6 WHEREAS the Low Income Housing Institute (“LIHI”) is a nonprofit
7 organization established and operating small shelter communities throughout King
8 County, and

9 WHEREAS LIHI is available to donate and set up micro shelter units, and
10 operate a temporary emergency shelter site at 802 Martin Luther King Junior Way
11 (“Property”) for no longer than eight months to address the public health and safety
12 hazards posed to individuals residing at unauthorized encampments in the Hilltop
13 neighborhood, and

14 WHEREAS individuals referred to the temporary emergency shelter site will
15 be connected to supportive services to address barriers to housing, including
16 housing navigation, mental health and substance use disorder treatment, and
17 permanent placement, and will be transitioned to other safe and stable housing
18 options; Now, Therefore,

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21 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:**

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23 Section 1. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to
24 execute a contract with Low Income Housing Institute (“LIHI”), in the amount of
25 \$388,000, for the purpose of operating a temporary emergency shelter site
26 proposed to be located at 802 Martin Luther King Junior Way (“Property”).



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Section 2. That the City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to take and execute any additional measures or documents that may be necessary to complete this transaction, said documents to be substantially in the form of the documents on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney