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ILA with City of Fife in Response to Homelessness Efforts

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Authorization Request

Request authorization funding in the amount of \$100,000 per year for five years, for a total authorized amount to \$500,000, to the City of Fife for use in support of the City's homelessness street outreach program and authorize the Executive Director or his designee to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fife in substantially the form provided necessary to implement the same.

- Commission passed resolution 2022-19-PT on October 20th, 2022, directing staff to research ways in which the Port of Tacoma can assist local jurisdictions in the homelessness crisis.
- On April 11th, 2023, Commission approved staff beginning ILA negotiations to support the street outreach program at the City of Fife.
- On May 23, 2023, Commission approved a \$72,000, one-year contribution to the City of Fife's homelessness outreach program.
- Original ILA with the one-year contribution expired in June.

- In 2022 Fife assisted and connected 122 individuals with additional resources, permanent housing, and access to help as a direct result of the street outreach program.
- In 2023, with the help of our funding, that number increased to 309 individuals with 18 people permanently housed, 125 provided clothes, 226 with hygiene kits and 155 provided transportation for medical appointments and treatment.

In support of the City's Street Outreach Program the Port would contribute 500,000, over the next five years, towards the City's efforts described below.

- **Housing Search and Placement:** First and last month's rent, move-in expenses.
- **Services to Special Populations:** Purchase of items for persons in need – including food, hygiene clothing, bicycles, and other items – and provision of services to help Program participants find stable housing and employment.
- **Transportation:** Bus passes, ride-share transportation, and gas for vehicles
- **Staff Expenses:** Salary and benefits for Program Case Manager (not to exceed 33% of total salary and benefits per year or \$35,000.00)

- Reduce funding or length of funding.
 - This option would still help the City of Fife; however, it would be less impactful and provide less of an opportunity to tell the story of Port assistance in this matter.
- Do not renew ILA and cease funding of this effort.
 - Potential increase in issues associated with homelessness in and around Port Properties.
 - No answer for the perennial question of “what is the Port doing the help with the homelessness crisis”.

- Approval of ILA from Port of Tacoma Commission
- Approval of ILA from City Fife Council
- Execution of ILA

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Thank You

Questions & Discussion



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