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Homelessness Alternatives Update

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Port of Tacoma Commission Meeting

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- Commission passed Resolution 2022-19-PT on October 20, 2022, directing staff to research ways in which the Port of Tacoma can assist local jurisdictions in the homelessness crisis.
- On February 21, 2023, staff presented three options to the commission; in-kind contribution, purchase of land, and homelessness policy & program advocacy.
- The Commission favored the in-kind option and staff reached out to the City of Fife and Tacoma to begin preliminary talks on a partnership.
- Staff landed on a street outreach program the City of Fife manages as the best proposal for Commission consideration at this time.

City of Fife – Street Outreach Program

- Current Pierce County Grant Expires June 30, 2023
- Requested funds: \$72,000
- Money would fund:
 - Engagement
 - Lunches, outreach events, food/hygiene bags
 - Housing Search and Placement
 - First and last month's rent, move-in expenses
 - Services to Special Populations
 - Food, hygiene, clothing for job interviews, etc.
 - Transportation
 - Bus passes, uber rides, gas, etc.
 - Staff Training

- Determine if the Commission wants to support this proposal and fund the City of Fife's street outreach program for 2024
- Develop and negotiate either an ILA or one-time payment with the City of Fife
- Prepare Action Item for Commission approval at the May meeting.

Questions & Discussion



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