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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

CM/ DCM/ ACM: Christine Taylor, Assistant City Manager

DATE: November 19, 2024

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment 1 to the funding agreement between the City and Grace Like Rain, Inc. DBA Giving Grace approved by City Council on January 24, 2023; Said first Amendment to extend the term of the agreement and to amend sections and exhibits as identified; and providing an effective date.

DISCUSSION

Since March 25, 2020, the City has funded temporary shelter for people experiencing homelessness using COVID-19 relief funding. CARES-Act Funding started a temporary emergency hotel program and extended the program on a voucher basis in December 2020. Due to continuing health risks and the ongoing economic impact of COVID-19, American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding was allocated to extend the Hotel Voucher Program for individuals and families through December 2024. A contingency of funding was calculated into initial funding allocations to accommodate inclement weather and other emergency sheltering needs, and to allow for any potential extensions past December 2024.

In January of 2023, Council approved a service agreement between the City and Grace Like Rain, Inc. dba Giving Grace, providing \$180,000 in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds for the Family Hotel Voucher program with an original term ending on December 31, 2024. Giving Grace's allocation funds salary for staff support of Family Hotel Voucher Program guests in securing permanent housing.

No family shelter options exist in Denton outside of this program, except for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Extension of the Family Hotel Voucher Program with remaining ARP funds will allow community partners to continue support vulnerable Denton families to transition from crisis to housing. Remaining ARP funding is required to be encumbered by December 31, 2024 and is estimated to sustain the Family Hotel Voucher Program through June 2025. Giving Grace has plans to sustain family shelter services on a smaller scale after City ARP funds are fully expended.

The attached Ordinance and Amendment extend the term of the Family Hotel Voucher service agreement to June 30, 2025 and provide additional supportive services to help homeless families secure stable housing. Staff recommend approval of the amendment to extend the program and comply with ARP funding requirements.

OPTIONS

- Approve the amendment.

- Do not approve the amendment.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Ordinance and Amendment Family Hotel Voucher Program

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