



CITY OF TEMPE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Council Meeting Date: 06/27/2019
Agenda Item: 5C16

ACTION: Adopt a resolution to authorize data sharing, collaboration, and exploration of East Valley regional solutions to homelessness. (Resolution No. R2019.70)

FISCAL IMPACT: None

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. R2019.70.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In October 2017, East Valley City and Town Managers began to meet to specifically discuss regional homelessness. City and Town Managers expressed that the impacts of homelessness are not confined to city or town boundaries and that it would be valuable to discuss opportunities, best practices, resources, and individual approaches in a group setting. To date, there have been six meetings held since October 2017. Over those six meetings, participants further defined the benefits of collaboration, which include: improving information exchange, leveraging resources, defining common measurements and terminology, establishing common goals, and data sharing.

It is evident that none of the cities individually possess all the resources needed to solve the issue of homelessness. With jurisdictions working together, resources could be better coordinated and leveraged to serve more people in more effective ways and provide a wider array of resources for each jurisdiction's citizens.

This message of collaboration conveys to each community that East Valley cities and towns are committed to implementing collective and coordinated approaches to homelessness; which is especially appropriate when working with individuals who do not live within commonly defined boundaries and who may travel among municipalities.

The East Valley municipalities could also work in the co-creation of resources to end homelessness, such as shelter and housing. Additionally, collective proposals for funding specific projects may have a greater likelihood of success and working together on regional solutions and may open-up new funding opportunities for federal, state and local dollars.

Collaborative leadership from municipalities highlights to other systems and stakeholders (i.e. hospitals, developers, judicial system) that there is an open space for different types of partnership. For example, some cities have created funding collaboratives and partnered with hospitals on Medicaid funding opportunities.

Improving the collection and the sharing of data for the region will better inform data-driven forecasting and program identification by deepening our understanding of the size, scope and scale of the issue, and of the intervention costs associated with solutions.

There was consensus by the Council at the June 20, 2019 Issue Review Session to move this resolution forward for final approval at the June 27, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution No. R2019.70

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