

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

Briefing relating to providing interim year-round shelter services for men experiencing homelessness.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Staff will provide an update regarding the progress toward providing year-round shelter services for men experiencing homelessness. This briefing will include an update on the funds raised by community partners led by CFH toward privately funding necessary fire/life safety improvements at Lincoln Center for use as an interim shelter, and progress toward a temporary “bridge” location so services can begin prior to the completion of the improvements at Lincoln Center.

Following the briefing council will be presented Resolution No. 9642 related to providing men’s homeless shelter services. The Resolution directs the City Manager to present certain funding proposals for the interim bridge and Lincoln Center shelters, conduct public outreach within the Downtown and Wilburton neighborhoods, and provide periodic reports concerning the permanent shelter.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9642.

If approved, effective date: 08/01/2019

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS****Background**

Since July 23, 2018, staff has been working at providing temporary year-round men’s shelter services at Lincoln Center as an interim location until a permanent shelter facility is sited and built. The CFH Team assembled design professionals to advance the design and coordinate building modifications with City permitting staff. This group, with substantial support from the community and private citizens also raised the necessary and significant contributions to fund the tenant improvements at Lincoln Center. To date the CFH Team has raised \$771,000, which is adequate to cover the identified construction costs.

Work has begun at Lincoln Center but will not be completed until later this fall. In order to begin year-round overnight shelter services for men experiencing homelessness while work is underway at Lincoln Center, staff and CFH have been working to find a short-term bridge location. This briefing will supply an update on those efforts as well. During the briefing staff will provide additional information on a temporary bridge location for short-term use.

## POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

### Policy Impact

Following the adoption of the Land Use Code Amendment for Homeless Services in July, Council noted the regional need for the men's winter shelter to be converted to year-round operations as soon as possible. On July 23, Council requested staff to work with CFH to evaluate options to convert Lincoln Center for year-round use. The ability to provide year-round shelter services is consistent with Bellevue's overall response to homelessness, including recent investments in increased outreach services.

### Fiscal Impact

Staff is not seeking approval of funding during today's briefing but anticipate returning to Council with a budget proposal at your next meeting. To date, City expenditures have been limited to minimal design coordination, structural analysis, asbestos testing and abatement analysis as approved by Council up to \$135,000 at the November 5, 2018 Council meeting.

Staff anticipates minor improvements to be needed at the temporary bridge shelter location before it can be occupied as overnight shelter. These minor improvements are estimated to be about \$16,000 if the City utilized the Job Order Contracting services.

Human Services grants have been set through 2020 for CFH's operation of the men's shelter for six months each year. Moving to year-round operations, anticipated early September prior to the next human services funding round leaves CFH with a funding gap.

Staff have been working closely with CFH to determine the operational funding needs not covered under the existing Human Services Grant. CFH has identified the following gap in operational funding:

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Request</u>
Shelter services	Bridge Site	\$156,907
2020 Service Gap	Lincoln Center	\$428,723
	Total	\$585,630

## OPTIONS

1. Adopt Resolution No. 9642 relating to providing interim year-round shelter services for men experiencing homelessness.
2. Do not adopt Resolution No 9642 and provide alternative direction to staff.

## ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 9642

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N/A