



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council **DATE:** February 21, 2017

FROM: Matthew Bronson, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Matthew Bronson, City Manager

SUBJECT: Funding Contribution for 5Cities Warming Center

RECOMMENDATION

Consider funding contribution to 5Cities Homeless Coalition given the extended operation of the 5Cities Warming Center this winter and adopt the Resolution amending the FY 2016-2017 Budget.

BACKGROUND

At the February 6, 2017 Council meeting, Council Member Lee requested that the Council place an item on an upcoming Council agenda about making a funding contribution to the 5Cities Homeless Coalition (5CHC) to support extended operation of the 5Cities Warming Center this winter. The Council concurred with this request and asked staff to bring this item to the Council at the February 21, 2017 meeting.

Attachment 2 includes a request from 5CHC for this funding contribution along with a summary of daily statistics of the Warming Center. The Center has been open for 51 days and 1,200 shelter nights so far this winter given the wet winter compared with 11 days and 231 shelter nights last year. There is an average of 25 guests per evening this year with a high of 42 guests compared with a high of 20 last year. In addition to the increased usage, the building landlord now requires at least one staff member on duty at all times which has increased staffing costs.

5CHC is approaching Grover Beach, Arroyo Grande, and Pismo Beach about making a funding contribution for the Warming Center. Staff's understanding is that the requested amount is \$5,000 from each city for a total of \$15,000. The Council typically considers funding requests from non-profit organizations as part of the annual budget process. However, the Council may fund requests at any time by making an appropriate budget amendment.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact is \$5,000 if such a financial contribution is approved by the Council. Funding for this contribution would be provided by a mid-year budget amendment.

ALTERNATIVES

The City Council has the following alternatives to consider:

1. Adopt the Resolution allocating \$5,000 in funding to 5CHC for the Warming Center;
 2. Modify the Resolution allocating a different amount of funding as determined by the Council; or
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3. Do not adopt the Resolution and suggest that 5CHC submit a funding request as part of the FY 2017-18 budget process; or
4. Provide alternative direction to staff

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The agenda was posted in accordance with the Brown Act. A copy of this staff report and the meeting agenda was provided to 5CHC.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution
2. 5CHC Funding Request

RESOLUTION NO. 17-____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVER BEACH,
CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE 5th AMENDMENT TO THE ANNUAL
APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION NO. 16-48 TO APPROPRIATE \$5,000 FOR
THE 5CITIES HOMELESS COALITION AS FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE
OPERATION OF THE WARMING CENTER**

WHEREAS, the City of Grover Beach desires to support the 5Cities Homeless Coalition;
and

WHEREAS, the Grover Beach City Council has determined that operation of the
warming center is a benefit to the City; and

WHEREAS, due to heavy rains and cold weather the dates of operation for the warming
center have increased.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Grover
Beach, does hereby appropriate \$5,000 to the 5Cities Homeless Coalition as financial support
for the operation of the warming center.

		<u>Sources</u>	<u>Uses</u>
A/C No.: 01-000-30000-000	Fund Balance	\$ -0-	\$ 5,000
A/C No.: 01-000-54140-000	Community and City Relations	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>
Total General Fund		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000

On motion by Council Member____, seconded by Council Member _____, and on the
following roll-call vote, to wit:

AYES: Council Member -
NOES: Council Member -
ABSENT: Council Member -
ABSTAIN: Council Member -

the foregoing Resolution was **PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of
the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California this 21st day of February, 2017.

**** D R A F T ****

JOHN P. SHOALS, MAYOR

Attest:

DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK

Matthew Bronson

From: Mariam Shah
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 1:26 PM
To: Janna Nichols
Cc: Matthew Bronson
Subject: RE: 5Cities Warming Center - Request for financial support from each of the area Cities.

Thank you Janna for the update. I am cc'ing out city manager on this email to keep him in the loop on this. Jeff Lee did raise this at the end of our last council meeting, and we all agreed it should be on our agenda. I think your email drives home the immediate need. Mariam

From: Janna Nichols
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 1:06 PM
To: Kristen Barneich; Mariam Shah; sblake
Cc: Jeff Lee; Michael Byrd
Subject: 5Cities Warming Center - Request for financial support from each of the area Cities.

Council members,

I am reaching out to each of the cities in the Five Cities for financial support for the operation of the Warming Center. If I should direct this request to someone else, please let me know.

I have put a request into the County, and am now approaching each local City for assistance as well. This year has been a difficult year with weather. In addition, a new (this year) requirement from the landlord has been to have paid staff (in addition to volunteers) on site at all time. Combined these two things have wreaked havoc with the budget we established to operate the South County warming center. Expenses to date have outstripped community donations, and 5CHC is currently looking at a significant deficit for services provided through January. This is coupled by an anticipated need to continue to open in February and March. To date we've already been open 7 of 14 days in February.

Until this shortfall, the Warming Center has been funded this year by community donations with no government funding. I have requested the County's assistance to cover this funding shortfall and allow for continued operation for the remainder of the year. I requested \$20,000 from the County, with the intent to ask for support from each City as well. To date the County has committed \$10,000, leaving a remaining deficit to-date of \$7,838.77, for expenses through January 31, in addition to unknown costs for February and March. The County also affirmed their hope that local Cities will assist as well, prior to considering any additional support.

The Warming Center opens when rain is predicted at 50% or more, or temperature is expected to drop to 40 degrees or below. These are the same parameters we have used in years past. We envisioned that approximately 20 guests per night would utilize the Warming Center, based on historical utilization, with the support of volunteers. Last year (2015-16) we were open 11 days and had a high of 20 guests, and as few as 6. Total number of shelter nights provided in 2015-16 was 231. This compares to the more than 1200 shelter nights that we have provided thus far this 2016-17 season. Attached are the stats for this year, which has had us open thus far 51 days.

As mentioned, the costs to operate increased on a base level by the landlord requirement to have at least one staff member on duty at all times. Our core of volunteers has been solid, but it has been a very long winter for them. We have had to increase the level of staffing (and have recently added security services) as the season has progressed due to the increasing number of nightly guests for safety purposes. Additionally with the

increased number of guests more staff has been needed to clean and breakdown the center, and there have been additional operational costs (such as laundry and food stuffs). We have had to purchase more than 30 additional sleeping bags, and increased food/beverages for the added numbers. While we do receive donations of dinners nightly, the growing number of clients has also caused a burden in some cases exceeding the generosity that our volunteers can afford.

Please note that no time for the 5CHC Executive Director, Admin Staff or Volunteer Coordinator has been included in this accounting, estimated value of another \$15,000.

Here are some statistics of note (Nov 1 – Jan 30), and a link to nightly counts.

- Shelter Nights: 1280 (more than five times that of last year, 231)
- Guests Nightly: 25+. High of 42 (2016-17) compared to 20 (2015-16).
- In-Kind Warming Center Donations (apart from volunteer time): \$6,900
- Volunteer "Shifts": 1,724 (Ranging from 2-4 hours each).
- Total out-of-pocket costs to-date: \$33,793.57

Link to daily stats:



[5CHC Warming Center Usage 2016-17](#)

I will be happy to provide you with a full accounting of expenses to date, if that would be helpful.

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5Cities Homeless Coalition
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[Facebook - 5Cities Homeless Coalition](#)

Strengthening our community by mobilizing resources, support and hope for those who are homeless and facing homelessness in South County.

Month	Day	Date	Guest #	# 1st Time Guests	Gender		Age			Services			Volunteer s Staff	Weather Conditions	Notes
					M	F	0-25	25-50	51-64	65+	Mental Health	Physical Disability			
November Open 5 Nights	Saturday	11/19/2016	10	1	7	3	2	8	4	3	5V/2S	Rain			
	Sunday	11/20/2016	17	0	15	2	7	8	7	1	8V/2S	Rain			
	Thursday	11/24/2016	9	0	6	3	3	6	2	2	3V/4S	Temperature			
	Friday	11/25/2016	19	4	15	4	8	10	4	4	7V/4S	Rain			
	Saturday	11/26/2016	27	0	21	6	1	13	8	3	13V/3S	Rain			
December Open 17 Nights Cost of Operation \$13,000 (Nov-Dec) excluding Volunteer Coordinator & 5CHC ED/Admin	Friday	12/2/2016	14	2	11	3	6	6	4	7	11V/4S	Temperature			
	Saturday	12/3/2016	10	0	9	1	7	2	1	4	4V/6S	Temperature			
	Tuesday	12/6/2016	26	5	21	5	13	8	4	6	3V/5S	Temperature			
	Wednesday	12/7/2016	20	2	18	2	6	4	1	1	8V/3S	Temperature			
	Thursday	12/8/2016	27	8	22	5	15	10	1	5	8V/3S	Rain			
	Saturday	12/10/2016	16	1	12	4	9	5	2	3	8V/3S	Rain			
	Thursday	12/15/2016	24	4	16	8	12	8	4	8	8V/5S	Rain			
	Friday	12/16/16	26	5	16	10	10	12	4	9	9V/4S	Temperature			
	Saturday	12/17/2016	26	5	17	9	14	7	4	4	6V/3S	Temperature			
	Sunday	12/18/2016	25	3	14	11	14	9	2	3	7V/2S	Temperature			
	Monday	12/19/16	24	2	14	10	13	8	3	6	9V/3S	Temperature			
	Tuesday	12/20/2016	34	5	25	9	17	10	4	1	5V/3S	Temperature			
	Friday	12/23/2016	25	0	16	8	13	7	3	6	10V/4S	Rain			
	Saturday	12/24/2016	22	1	14	8	12	9	2	7	11V/3S	Temperature	3 early departure		
	Thursday	12/29/2016	8	0	5	3	2	4	1	1	11V/3S	Rain	1 early departure		
	Friday	12/30/2016	16	2	10	6	9	6	1	4	12V/3S	Temperature	1 early departure		
	Saturday	12/31/2016	15	1	11	4	10	4	4	1	6V/3S	Temperature	1 early departure		
January Open 22 Nights and 2 Days	Sunday	1/1/2017	17	1	15	3	8	5	1	3	8V/2S	Temperature			
	Monday	1/2/2017	23	1	15	8	11	7	2	1	9V/3S	Temperature			
	Tuesday	1/3/2017	20	5	15	5	13	4	3	6	8V/3S	Rain			
	Wednesday	1/4/2017	31	5	19	12	17	8	39	9	7V/3S	Rain			
Open 1 pm Sat Through 8 am Monday due to heavy storm	Saturday	1/7/2017	26	1	17	9	14	5	3	5	21V/6S	Rain	5 Guests Sat. Afternoon: 2 early departures night departures Sunday Day, Sun Night: 2 early departure, 3 removal for drug use		
	Sunday	1/8/2017	30	1	23	7	23	5	2	3	10V/5S	Rain	2 early departures		
	Monday	1/9/2017	32	4	22	10	16	13	3	10	8V/5S	Rain	2 early departures		
	Tuesday	1/10/2017	34	4	22	12	17	9	5	8	8V/4S	Rain	2 early departures		
	Wednesday	1/11/2017	34	1	20	14	2	8	3	3	8V/3S	Rain			
	Sunday	1/15/2017	18	2	11	7	13	4	4	1	9V/3S	Temperature	2 Evictions		
	Wednesday	1/18/2017	33	10	24	9	16	13	3	8	10V/2S	Rain			
	Thursday	1/19/2017	31	8	24	7	4	10	13	4	3	12V/2S	Rain		
	Friday	1/20/2017	38	5	29	9	3	17	14	4	6	4V/6S	Rain	1 Early Departure	

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	Saturday	1/21/2017	37	2	26	9	2	14	17	3	4	8	5	10V/2S	Rain	
	Sunday	1/22/2017	36	1	26	10	2	17	13	4	5	11	6	9V/4S	Rain	
	Monday	1/23/2017	37	4	26	11	3	14	14	5	8	10	3	9V/3S	Temperature	
	Tuesday	1/24/2017	34	3	27	7	2	15	13	4	10	12	4	9V/3S	Temperature	
	Wednesday	1/25/2017	39	4	31	8	2	17	14	6	8	10	5	9V/3S	Temperature	1 Early Departure
	Thursday	1/26/2017	32	1	25	7	3	12	15	2	2	3	3	10V/3S	Temperature	1 Early Departure
	Friday	1/27/2017	42		31	11	3	16	17	4	3	10	3	7V/3S	Temperature	1 Early Departure
	Saturday	1/28/2017	39	1	29	10	2	18	18	3	4	10	2	10V/3S	Temperature	
	Sunday	1/29/2017	39		29	10	33	18	14	4	14	11	6	8V/3S	Point In Time Count	1 Early Departure
February	Wednesday	2/1/2017	18	2	11	7	1	5	7	5	7	3		15V/4S	Rain	
	Thursday	2/2/2017	21	2	14	7	2	5	9	3	10	3	1	8V/4S	Rain	2 Early Departures
	Friday	2/3/2017	19		13	6	1	7	7	4	8	6		12V/3S	Rain	
	Sunday	2/5/2017	16	1	12	4		4	9	3	6	4	1	5V/4S	Rain	
	Monday	2/6/2017	20	1	14	6		8	9	3	5	3	2	9V/3S	Rain	
	Tuesday	2/7/2017	23		17	6		14	6	2	8	3	3	7V/4S	Rain	2 Early Departures
	Thursday	2/9/2017	21	1	13	8	2	13	3	4	6	6	1	8V/5S	Rain	2 Early Departures
Total to Date			1280	117	915	363	82	607	457	168	255	315	138			
			Average Number of Guests/Night	25	71%	28%	6%	47%	36%	13%						
			Number Nights Open	51												

2015-16: Open Jan 1-March 31 only - 231 shelter nights over 11 nights, with an average of 10.5 per night