



TACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 2022-03-23 (2)

Date: March 23, 2022
To: THA Board of Commissioners
From: April Black
Executive Director
Re: Contract with Pierce County for Tacoma Schools Housing Assistance Program

This resolution would approve an extension of the contract with Pierce County for the Tacoma Schools Housing Assistance Program (TSHAP).

Background

The Tacoma Schools Housing Assistance Program (TSHAP) provides housing supports in the form of rapid rehousing, diversion, and/or other one-time assistance to Tacoma Public Schools (TPS) students experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity and their families. These students are identified as McKinney-Vento by the school district, reflecting a special investment and designation from the federal government.

In December 2021, the THA Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 2021-12-8 (4) to extend TSHAP through August 31, 2022, and sunset the program by that date. At that time, staff communicated challenges with the contracted provider, including a lack of capacity, a high need for training and technical assistance, and a need for oversight and accountability structures. These challenges continue, with the provider not having materialized a plan for sunsetting the program. To ensure currently engaged and waiting families receive continuity of services, we recommend extending the contract through 2022. This extension would allow THA and Pierce County to consider alternative ways to serve these families and ensure continuity of services. This extension would not change the contract funding amount.

Recommendation

This resolution recommends adopting Resolution 2022-03-23 (2) to extend the Tacoma Schools Housing Assistance Program through December 31, 2022.



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A **RESOLUTION** of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma

WHEREAS, THA, TPS, and Pierce County Human Services share a vested interest to serve families with children and improve outcomes for students and the schools that serve low-income families; and

WHEREAS, The contract has been rewritten to extend the term through 2022; and

WHEREAS, The contract will be in effect through December 2022; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma, Washington that:

THA's Executive Director is authorized to extend the Pierce County contract for housing for the Tacoma Schools Housing Assistance Program.

Approved: March 23, 2022



Stanley Rumbaugh, Chair