



RESOLUTION 2023-01-25 (1)

Date: January 25, 2023

To: THA Board of Commissioners

From: April Black
Executive Director

Re: 2023 Contract with Peirce County Rapid Rehousing Homeless Housing Program

This resolution would approve a new contract with Pierce County Human Services for Homeless Rapid Rehousing Housing Programs.

BACKGROUND

In 2013, Tacoma Housing Authority (THA) began its investment into the Pierce County Rapid Rehousing system through two contracts with Pierce County: (1) housing for homeless families with children and (2) housing for homeless young adults aged 18-24. Under the contracts, THA invested \$1.288 million annually. \$1 million of the funds were in the Family contract while the remaining \$288,000 were in the Young Adult contract. At the time, THA recognized that its mainline programs were mostly inaccessible to households experiencing homelessness so it sought out ways to bolster and invest in more immediate housing solutions for this population, leading to this partnership.

The contracts have been amended multiple times over the history of the investment and in 2020, the two contracts were combined into one and the overall investment was increased to \$1.3 million per year. Since 2013, THA has increased its capacity to serve households experiencing homelessness through dedicated voucher subsidies and the creation of housing units designated for this population. During the 2022 contract negotiation process, THA committed to considering a reduction in its investment in the County's homelessness system by 50% for the 2023 calendar year. After further review and the development of the 2023 agency budget, we recommend maintaining our investment in the homelessness system and reducing that investment by only 15% to match the actual contract spending over the past few years.

This resolution will allow staff to negotiate a new agreement with Pierce County Human Services to continue the investment. The contract will continue to dedicate THA's investment to housing for families with children and unaccompanied young adults aged 18-24. Pierce County's use of funding includes rental assistance, minimal administration costs and other types of flexible assistance including Rapid Rehousing, diversion, and prevention. THA will continue to report the outcomes of this investment in its annual Moving to Work (MTW) Report and to the Board upon consideration of the next contract renewal.

RECOMMENDATION

This resolution recommends adopting Resolution 2023-01-25 (1) to allow staff to negotiate and sign a contract for up to \$1.1 million with Pierce County for housing for families and young adults experiencing homelessness.



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(Pierce County Contract for Rapid Rehousing Programs)

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

WHEREAS, THA has been investing in the Pierce County Rapid Rehousing system and homeless housing programs since 2013; and

WHEREAS, A new contract must be executed to serve families and young adults in 2023; and

WHEREAS, The contract will be in effect through 2024; now, therefore, be it

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

THA's Executive Director is authorized to negotiate, and if those negotiations are successful, and to sign a new Pierce County Human Services contract for up to \$1.1 million for housing for families and young adults experiencing homelessness.

Approved: January 25, 2023



Shennetta Smith, Chair