

**CITY OF REDMOND
RESOLUTION NO. 1552**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF REDMOND TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESS AUTHORITY TO DISTRIBUTE EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS TO HOMELESS AND INDIVIDUALS AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS WHO ARE ENGAGED IN SERVICES THROUGH THE CITY OF REDMOND HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM

WHEREAS, homelessness and housing instability is a challenge facing many communities including Redmond; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to being part of the solution in supporting our unhoused and housing unstable neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the City's Outreach staff works to help unsheltered individuals apply for benefits, find housing, and move toward stability; and

WHEREAS, King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCHRHA) administers an Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program with local public housing authorities and is seeking partners to assist with distributing vouchers, with special efforts to prioritize BIPOC community members, youth aged 18-24, victims of or those feeling from domestic violence, transgender, elderly, and individuals with severe illness or with medical conditions that put them at risk due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the EHV Program offers people experiencing or at risk of homelessness durable rental assistance and case management support, which has been proven effective in ending homelessness; and

WHEREAS, by having access to EHV's, it will further the City's goals to provide more options to housing for unsheltered and housing unstable individuals; and

WHEREAS, to access these vouchers the City must enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with KCRHA, and Resolution No. 1503 requires Council approval for inter-jurisdictional agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. MOA Authorization. The City Council authorizes the Mayor or designee to execute all documents and take necessary actions to enter into Agreement with KCRHA on behalf of the City.

Section 2. Fulfilling the Agreement. The Agreement states roles and responsibilities, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, for the City which provides that homeless outreach staff will agree to assist their clients with their EHV eligibility determination and voucher process and with navigating their housing search, as well as providing case management and support for at least one year post voucher issuance.

ADOPTED by the Redmond City Council this 1st day of February,
2022.

APPROVED:


ANGELA BIRNEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:


CHERYL XANTHOS, MMC, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: January 18, 2022
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: February 1, 2022
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YES: ANDERSON, CARSON, FIELDS, FORSYTHE, KHAN, KRITZER, STUART