



AGENDA REPORT

CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

City Council Meeting

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Meeting Date: 3/7/2023

Agenda Item: 9A

Department: City Manager
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Subject:
IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY ACTIONS TO ASSIST UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS DURING TIMES OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

Fiscal Impact:

It is anticipated that the actions included in this effort will not exceed the expenditure limits of the City Manager (\$50,000) and, if authorized, staff would recommend funding be allocated from the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund.

Summary:

On February 28, 2023, the City Council directed the City Manager to provide a strategy for providing basic and necessary protections for unsheltered individuals in the city during extreme weather conditions. Time is of the essence because of the current pattern of inclement weather and staff has identified some immediate, emergency actions that will provide assistance for the remaining weeks of the current winter season.

Background:

The provision of emergency actions is only a portion of the more comprehensive program to reduce or end homelessness in San Clemente.

Discussion:

The City of San Clemente is experiencing a cooler and wetter winter season than is typical in the temperate coastal climate. Although the stated goal of the City Council is to assist all unsheltered persons find permanent housing, there is an immediate need to ensure the basic human needs are addressed in the interim, especially in inclement weather. To help define the circumstances under which these emergency actions will be implemented, staff would suggest that they be implemented when the temperature is expected to fall below 40 degrees Fahrenheit, or if it is raining and the temperature is expected to fall below 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

Each individual may have different needs and therefore the list below provides some of the options that will be considered when inclement weather occurs:

1. Provision of transportation to an emergency weather shelter working with existing partners.
2. Provision of umbrellas, rain gear (ponchos), stocking caps, gloves, etc. to individuals who choose not to relocate to a shelter facility.
3. A warm beverage and high energy bars for sustenance during the inclement weather.
4. Coordination with County resources and local non-profit organizations for potential

temporary hotel/motel vouchers.

It is reiterated that this program is an emergency action and implemented on a temporary basis during inclement weather events. While these efforts may become a portion of the cities more comprehensive approach to ending homelessness in San Clemente, they do not represent an ongoing or nightly effort.

Recommended Actions:

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Council direct the City Manager to work with staff to form an outreach team to implement emergency actions for unsheltered persons during inclement weather using the definitions and options included in this report.

Attachment:

None