

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

A sobering center was identified as a top priority by the Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative Taskforce and is part of the 2018 Council Policy Agenda. A sobering center provides a safe, clean, and supervised environment for acutely intoxicated individuals to become sober and eligible for further treatment and other services, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A sobering center relies on partnerships with local health providers, law enforcement, and government. The City, Marion County, and Salem Health have come together to develop a framework for a sobering center.

The IGA provides for a \$330,000 grant from the Oregon Health Authority to the City for the purpose of remodeling and construction of a sobering center at the ARCHES facility, 615 Commercial Street, NE. During the 2017 Legislative Session, the State of Oregon, specifically Senator Jackie Winters and Governor Brown committed state assistance toward establishing a sobering center.

On June 26, 2018, the City and the Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency executed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to provide a ten-bed sobering center at the ARCHES program to be operated by Bridgeway Recovery Services.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The sobering center will be 10 beds, operating 24-hours a day, seven days a week to serve individuals suffering from acute alcohol intoxication who are not in need of emergency medical attention.

The onetime state funds will specifically be used for remodeling and construction of the sobering center.

OHA is requesting City acceptance of the grant before the end of 2018.

Construction is underway at ARCHES. Discussions continue regarding the financial participation for operating the sobering center. An operating budget for the sobering center continues to be developed with funding from Marion County, the City, and Salem Health.

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Attachments:

1. IGA between OHA and City of Salem