



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACCEPTING DONATIONS FROM THE LUCKY DUCK FOUNDATION AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO FURTHER SUPPORT THE CITY'S RESPONSE EFFORTS TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

To support the City of Chula Vista's efforts in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and the emerging homelessness crisis, the Lucky Duck Foundation and the State of California have made material donations to the City. Per Council Policy, a donation exceeding \$25,000 must be formally accepted by the City Council. This item will formally accept ten travel trailers from the State of California and one Sprung Structure from the Lucky Duck Foundation.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) no environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not Applicable.

DISCUSSION

The City of Chula Vista has taken a strategic approach in addressing the needs of the unsheltered in our community by allocating resources to projects and programs that serve the homeless. While the services have proven to be of value, the need for more permanent shelter solutions continues to be a challenge. In the face of the COVID-19 crisis, the City was presented with two opportunities to help alleviate the shelter issue.

For the past four years, the City of San Diego, along with many cities across the nation, has utilized Sprung Structures to provide bridge housing following the "Housing First" model. This concept has proven to be the "bridge" between life on the streets and a more permanent housing situation. Having the shelter allowed the

City of San Diego to provide safe and secure accommodations as well as basic life services, bathrooms, showers, laundry, case management, medical care, and housing navigation. The opportunity to acquire a Sprung Structure was presented by the City of San Diego, in partnership with the Lucky Duck Foundation. This structure will be donated and transferred to the City of Chula Vista to support the South Bay's regional efforts surrounding homelessness.

Similarly, the State of California has taken a non-conventional approach in increasing shelter opportunities. Recently the State of California Office of Emergency Services purchased 1,309 travel trailers from FEMA and private vendors to provide not only quarantine capacity for the current situation but also as an immediate response and way to provide shelter. This, with the intent to move people out of shelters and into isolation placements, focused on people with COVID-19 or those demonstrating symptoms. With the goal of protecting healthy people in those facilities and create capacity in the existing shelter network. These trailers were deployed to California's largest population centers, including Chula Vista. In March, the City received 10 Coleman Travel Trailers.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the real property holdings of the City Councilmembers do not create a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Councilmember, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision-maker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated value of the sprung structure is \$300,000 and between \$150,000-\$300,000 for the trailers. The assets will be reported as General Fund assets. Any costs related to utilizing the assets will be borne from other funding sources and therefore no anticipated impacts to the General Fund.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

No anticipated impacts to the General Fund. Any maintenance costs will be borne from other funding sources supporting the programs utilizing the assets.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Donation Form – Sprung Structure
2. Donation Form – Coleman Travel Trailers

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