



CITY OF TEMPE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Council Meeting Date: 07/27/2017
Agenda Item: 5C3

ACTION: Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract between Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care and the City of Tempe for the implementation and operation of a Bridge to Permanency Permanent Supportive Housing Program. (Resolution No. R2017.82)

FISCAL IMPACT: The City will receive funding in the amount of \$284,915 for the operation of the Bridge to Permanency (Bridges) Program. Funds have been appropriated in Fund 42, cost center 2875 (CDBG CY). There is no fiscal impact on City funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. R2017.82.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care, acting as the Regional Behavioral Health Authority, will be funding the implementation and development of a permanent supporting housing program designed to provide housing services, administered by the City of Tempe Housing Authority, to individuals with Severe Mental Illness. Through collaborative efforts between the Behavioral Health caseworker and the Housing Specialist, participants will secure permanent assisted housing while receiving any required supportive services to successfully maintain housing. This program is modeled after the Housing Choice Voucher program and utilizes the same screening requirements for criminal activity and program eligibility. Additionally, private landlords are an important part of this program and the tenant rents are subsidized by Behavioral Health. This program will provide housing opportunities for 25 Tempe residents experiencing some degree of homelessness due to their mental illness. This program is intended to provide interim housing while permanent housing solutions are found.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution, Permanent Supportive Housing – Service Provider – Exhibit B, MMIC Services and Supports Agreement Revised 2.15.2017, Mercy Maricopa Compensation Exhibit

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