

**RESOLUTION NO. 20230816-021**

**WHEREAS**, Council identified homelessness as the top priority indicator in Austin's Strategic Direction 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has experienced extreme weather events, such as severe cold and heat, and recognizes the necessity for emergency housing for its homeless residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Council adopted Resolution No. 20180426-030 endorsing the Austin Action Plan to End Homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, Council adopted Resolution No. 20190620-184 directing the City Manager to explore a variety of options to address homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes the need to assist families and individuals by providing temporary housing during extreme weather events; and

**WHEREAS**, vulnerable populations are at risk during all extreme weather events and may require emergency sheltering; and

**WHEREAS**, prior limited planning, low-temperature thresholds, and brief registration hours have had a significant negative effect on public safety agencies, who have responded outside of regular business hours, on weekends, and during holidays, and on the communities they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, community organizations have organized independently and parallel to the City to ensure unsheltered residents have equal access to shelters and services during extreme weather response; and

**WHEREAS**, people experiencing homelessness would substantially benefit from an integrative and adequately resourced private-public ecosystem providing crucial services during extreme weather conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, when funding organizations within this ecosystem, it is essential to prioritize those entities that exhibit effective collaboration; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The City Manager is directed to prioritize funding that enhances extreme weather shelter operations and increases direct outreach and support for unsheltered individuals.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to consider the following factors and issues when prioritizing funding:

1. Funding should be dedicated to a comprehensive model review and modification of the extreme weather planning process, encompassing preparation through successful exiting and reporting.
2. Prioritization in funding allocated to emergency shelter operations should ensure an expansion in service provision and enhances the quality of holistic and accessible care.
3. Prioritization in funding should consider culturally competent outreach and service provision for unsheltered persons, including collaborations with community-based organizations.

**ADOPTED:** August 16, 2023

**ATTEST:** Stephanie Hall for  
Myrna Rios  
City Clerk