

**Homeward 2020 and City of Fort Collins
Homelessness Initiatives Agreement**

THIS Homelessness Initiatives Agreement is made and entered into this 1st day of November, 2017 ("Effective Date"), by and between HOMEWARD 2020, INC. ("Homeward 2020"), a Colorado nonprofit corporation, and the CITY OF FORT COLLINS, COLORADO ("City").

RECITALS

- A. Homeward 2020 is a Colorado nonprofit corporation created to facilitate Fort Collins' 10 Year Plan to Make Homelessness Rare, Short-lived, and Non-recurring. Homeward 2020 and the 10 Year Plan address homelessness in a strategic and holistic manner across many sectors, including public, private and non-profit organizations, and with broad community engagement in solutions.
- B. Homeward 2020 was created in 2007 as a Fort Collins community-based initiative and developed to serve the community in distinct roles - as a convener, catalyst and advocate of data-driven decision-making and evidence-based strategies to address homelessness in Fort Collins.
- C. Homeward 2020 believes the ability to make homelessness rare, short-lived and non-recurring is critically tied to accurate, actionable data. Homeward 2020 obtains and shares accurate, actionable data with service providers, stakeholders and the community-at-large.
- D. Homeward 2020 developed its 10 Year Plan for the Fort Collins community as a working tool, and convenes a Community Collaborative to steward the 10 Year Plan. Participants in the Homeward 2020 Collaborative include individual community members, faith organizations, businesses, non-profit organizations, Executive Directors of Service Agencies, City employees, and representatives of resource entities committed to advancing the vision of the 10 Year Plan.
- E. Homeward 2020 advocates for a Housing First approach toward homelessness response, in which individuals are provided housing-focused assistance as the priority in coordinated services, and also provided with individualized support services focused on housing retention and self-sufficiency.
- F. The City has provided financial support on an annual basis since Homeward 2020 was formed in 2007. For economic and humanitarian reasons, the City finds there is a public benefit in addressing homelessness in a collaborative manner and the City funding for Homeward 2020 and activities described herein serves a valid public purpose.
- G. The City has indicated its desire to have the Homeward 2020 Community Collaborative provide recommendations and leadership for implementing the 10 Year Plan, which will guide system transformation, accountability and sustainability. The Homeward 2020 Collaborative updates the 10 Year Plan as a strategic framework around which agencies and organizations, including the City, can align resources and investments in a holistic and coordinated manner.
- H. The parties desire to set forth their understanding concerning the services to be provided by both Homeward 2020 and the City regarding the 10 Year Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, because it is the desire of Homeward 2020 and the City to work cooperatively by each providing the leadership towards the shared goals set forth in the 10 Year Plan, to make homelessness in Fort Collins rare, short-lived and nonrecurring, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. In 2018, the City will provide \$44,000 to Homeward 2020, for general operating expenses necessary to provide the Services (defined below). Subject to appropriation of funds necessary and intended for such purposes and subject to such competitive or other selection processes as may be adopted, City staff anticipates seeking the same amount of

funding for the same purposes in 2019.

2. In consideration of such funding, Homeward 2020 shall serve as a service provider to the City, providing the following services ("Services") related to Homeward 2020's roles in the community to realize the 10 Year Plan to Make Homelessness Rare, Short-Lived and Non-Recurring in Fort Collins as convener, catalyst, and advocate of data-driven decision-making and best practices:
 - a. Homeward 2020 shall support data development through the Housing First Initiative and other sources to assess the current status of homelessness in the community and measure the effectiveness of current service strategies. Homeward 2020 will make the results of all such efforts available to the City.
 - b. Homeward 2020 shall convene meetings, gatherings, and conversations in collaboration with the City to address topics related to homelessness and housing solutions and work towards gaining community consensus on identified strategies.
 - c. To the extent requested by the Fort Collins City Council, the Homeward 2020 Community Collaborative and Director shall provide consultation and advice to the City Council and City staff on issues of homelessness, particularly those raised by the community.
3. The City Manager shall appoint two representatives, one being the Fort Collins Chief of Police and the other being the Chief Sustainability Officer to hold seats on the Homeward 2020 Community Collaborative, with one of those members also serving on its Executive Committee. Because the 10 Year Plan aligns with and furthers policies and plans adopted by the City, the City has been supportive of the 10 Year Plan by placing relevant City Administrators and Departments Heads on the Homeward 2020 Collaborative.
4. In support of Homeward 2020's work under this Agreement, the City agrees to make resources available to Homeward 2020, subject to the availability of staff resources and the appropriation, budgeting and availability of sufficient funds for such purposes. Homeward 2020 will consult with the City to determine what type and level of assistance the City can provide before commencing a project that requires City assistance.
 - a. The City will provide staff support to assist with data development and reporting, and with communications strategies, with Homeward 2020 serving as the primary source of communications content.
5. City staff will discuss and consider ways to align City funding related to poverty and homelessness to the strategies outlined in the 10 Year Plan, to the extent such strategies also advance the City's policies and plans to address homelessness and provide services or functions that may otherwise be provided by the City.
6. Subject to appropriation of funds and subject to such competitive or other selection processes as may be adopted by the City from time to time, City staff will also consider options for providing ongoing financial support for the general operating expenses of Homeward 2020 necessary to provide continued services to benefit the City, or for additional projects related to the 10 Year Plan, in fiscal years after 2019. The parties acknowledge that such funding and processes are subject to approval and or appropriation of funds at the discretion of the City Council. The parties agree to work cooperatively to renew, amend or replace this Agreement, as appropriate, to cover any future funding and the services to be provided by Homeward 2020 in connection with such funding.