

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting (VI.Y)

Meeting	January 17, 2023
Agenda Item	Other Items (VI.Y)
Subject	Other items Resolution No. 39-22/23 for Temporary Student Housing
College/District	District
Funding	Various Resources
Recommended Action	Recommend approving Resolution No. 39-22/23 for the approval of the continuation of services with local hotels and non-profit housing services to provide temporary student housing.

Background Narrative:

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic significantly affected many students' abilities to meet their basic needs. The economic fallout from the pandemic resulted in a marked increase in food insecurities and homelessness for students. This has prompted the need to provide temporary housing assistance. Riverside Community College District partners with community-based organizations (local hotels and non-profit housing management firms) to provide temporary housing in response to homelessness and housing-insecurities for our students.

California Public Contract Code Section 20651 requires Districts to advertise publicly for bids for the purchase of goods or services involving an expenditure that exceeds the state-mandated bid limit. However, if sufficient evidence is provided to support a finding by the Board of Trustees that a competitive bidding process is not feasible or practical, and contracting with local vendors will eliminate barriers and provide reasonable accommodations for our students based on convenience and location is in the best interest of the District, then an exception may be allowed under these circumstances.

Based on the above factors, competitive bidding would not produce any advantage to the District. As a result, it is recommended that the Board of Trustees find that it is in the District's best interest to authorize the letting of the purchase order contracts to various local hotels and non-profit housing management firms for temporary housing assistance since only a limited number of local vendors are available to provide such assistance and services.

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RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 39-22/23

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL FOR TEMPORARY STUDENT HOUSING

WHEREAS, The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic significantly affected many students' abilities to meet their basic needs;

WHEREAS, The economic fallout from the pandemic resulted in a marked increase in food insecurities and homelessness for students;

WHEREAS, This has prompted the need to provide temporary housing assistance;

WHEREAS, Riverside Community College District ("District") partners with community-based organizations (local hotels and non-profit housing management firms) to provide temporary housing in response to homelessness and housing-insecurities for our students;

WHEREAS, Moreno Valley and Norco Colleges are utilizing local hotels;

WHEREAS, Riverside City College is utilizing a housing management firm to find temporary housing;

WHEREAS, The estimated total cost per vendor for temporary housing for our students, exceeds the statutory bidding limitations set forth in Public Contract Code section 20651;

WHEREAS, Contracting with local vendors will eliminate barriers and provide reasonable accommodations for our students based on convenience and location;

WHEREAS, Since there are only a limited number of local vendors that can provide temporary housing for students, the District's Board of Trustees ("Board") has determined that it would work an incongruity and not produce any advantage to competitively bid procuring temporary housing assistance and related services; and

WHEREAS, Meakin v. Steveland (1977) 68 Cal.App.3d 490 and Los Angeles Dredging v. Long Beach (1930) 210 Cal. 348 hold that statutes requiring competitive bidding do not apply when competitive bidding would work an incongruity or not produce any advantage.

NOW, THEREFORE, the District Board hereby finds, determines, declares and resolves as follows:

Section 1. All of the recitals set forth above are true and correct and the Board so finds and determines.

Section 2. The Board hereby finds and determines that quickly finding temporary housing assistance for students is required and necessary based on the factors set forth above and herein, and that it would work an incongruity and not produce any advantage to

competitively bid the procurement of temporary housing assistance since only a limited number of local vendors are available to provide such assistance and services.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective as of the date of its adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the services provided by local hotels and non-profit housing management firms continue to provide temporary housing for our students.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of January 2023, at the meeting of the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees.



Bill Hedrick, President, Board of Trustees
Riverside Community College District