



**City of Missoula, Montana
City Council Committee Agenda Item**

Committee: Housing, Redevelopment and Community Programs

Item: Referral – Contract for Emergency Winter Shelter

Date: October 12, 2022

Sponsor(s): Emily Armstrong

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Ward(s) Affected:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All Wards | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |

Action Required:

Authorize the Mayor to sign and execute an agreement with The Poverello Center for the provision of Emergency Winter Shelter services funded by the City of Missoula.

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: To authorize the Mayor to sign and execute an agreement with the Poverello Center for the provision of Emergency Winter Shelter services funded by the City of Missoula.

Timeline:

Committee discussion:	October 12, 2022
Council action (or sets hearing):	October 12, 2022
Public Hearing (if required):	NA
Final Consideration	October 17, 2022
Deadline:	October 17, 2022

Background and Alternatives Explored:

Emergency Winter Shelter (EWS) is a temporary shelter necessary for our houseless neighbors in Missoula. It has preserved hundreds of lives of individuals who otherwise may have frozen to death in bitter temperatures. This program is run in partnership between the city of Missoula, Missoula County, and the Poverello Center, and is a part of Operation Shelter. This would be the third year the EWS is held at Johnson Street Community Center. With COVID-19 restrictions in place, the Poverello Center has limited capacity to serve 88 people per night, meaning they are unable to assist all the people that need shelter. The Johnson Street Community Center can accommodate up to 150 individuals per night.

EWS is one of the resources in our continuum of shelter options for our houseless neighbors. This program is a necessary low barrier option. The other resources include the Authorized Camping Site, Temporary Safe Outdoor Space, Poverello Center, Permanent Supportive Housing, Family Housing Center, and others.

City and County will jointly fund this project as part of Operation Shelter. Each entity will fund \$350,000 to total a \$700,000 funding commitment.

Financial Implications:

Funding for Emergency Winter Shelter will come from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars approved under Operation Shelter funding in the FY23 budget cycle. The city allocation will total \$350,000.

Links to external websites:

<https://www.engagemissoula.com/safe-shelter>

<https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/2840/Houseless-Data>