



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

Committee: Housing, Redevelopment and Community Programs

Item: Poverello Center Johnson Street Contract for Operations

Date: August 16, 2023

Sponsor(s): Emily Armstrong

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Ward(s) Affected:

☐ Ward 1	☒ Ward 4
☐ Ward 2	☒ Ward 5
☐ Ward 3	☒ Ward 6
☐ All Wards	☐ N/A

Action Required:

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute an agreement with The Poverello Center for the provision of emergency sheltering services at the Johnson Street Shelter.

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: To approve and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute an agreement with The Poverello Center for the provision of emergency sheltering services at the Johnson Street Shelter

Timeline:

Committee discussion:	August 16, 2023
Council action (or sets hearing):	August 16, 2023
Public Hearing (if required):	N/A
Final Consideration	August 21, 2023
Deadline:	August 21, 2023

Background and Alternatives Explored:

The City, County, and numerous community partners are working together to urgently re-open the Johnson Street Shelter for one year of additional emergency shelter. Community leaders working to address houselessness agree that expanding shelter options year-round is the top priority for our community and any public funding put toward houselessness. We're navigating the Nation's crisis of housing and houselessness and our best short-term tool is creating more shelter beds to minimize urban camping and keep neighbors safe, and to mitigate concerns of public health and safety and environmental impact. To do that, we need to expand shelter capacity beyond just the winter months given the clear community need year-round. We do not want to lose sight of the fact that the long-term goal is to be developing housing options and accompanying supportive services that will make it possible for neighbors to exit houselessness or avoid houselessness altogether and attain stable housing within our community. However, the current moment demands more shelter right now and this group of leaders agrees that we need to be responsive to that need. The City and County will jointly fund The Poverello Center's provision of shelter operations at the Johnson Street Shelter.

Financial Implications:

Funding for this agreement will come from City American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The agreement amount is not to exceed \$789,345.00.

The City and County will jointly fund The Poverello Center's provision of shelter operations at the Johnson Street Shelter. The County will contribute \$900,000.

Links to external websites:

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

<https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/3112/Houseless-Data>