Attachment

Re: Expansion of 24/7 Safe Space Funding / Pilot Partnerships

Allocation of $1m funds added to the 2023 "24/7 Safe Space" Budget as follows:

- Provide $100,000 in grant increases to Ka Ni Kanichihk's Velma's House to deliver additional 24/7 Safe Space support to at-risk indigenous women, bringing City grants supporting WE 24/7 to $275,000 in total.

- Provide $175,000 in grant increases to WE 24/7 (Spence Neighborhood Association) to deliver additional 24/7 Safe Space capacity in the West End, bringing City grants supporting WE 24/7 to $275,000 in total.

- Offer $275,000 in grant support to N'Dinawemak to add North End 24/7 Safe Space capacity, either at the existing 190 Disraeli Freeway site or a nearby site to be determined, conditional on N'Dinawemak's agreement to provide additional Safe Space service capacity, and on a review of operations and outcomes before any renewal of the grant after one year.

- Offer $250,000 in grants to St. Boniface Street Links to provide 24/7 Safe Space capacity on the East Side of the Red River, and delegate authority to the CAO to negotiate a conditional, no-cost lease of City property in or near the St. Boniface area to support this capacity, to a maximum combined annual value of $275,000. These steps would be conditional on agreements with Street Links to provide additional Safe Space service capacity, and conditional on Street Links' agreement to a review of operations and outcomes before renewal of the grant after one year.

- Allocate up to $200,000* on a one-time basis for use at the discretion of the CAO to pilot partnerships to help attract unhoused people from transit shelters to 24/7 Safe Space sites, and improve system-wide collection and use of Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS) data.

*[*Current planning is for this $200,000 in funding in 2024 to support development of a fourth 24/7 Safe Space to serve the South Downtown/Osborne Village area, and complete the ring of 24/7 Safe Spaces around Downtown. Any extension of pilot projects funded from this source will require new incremental funding in 2024].*