BEAUMONT
—CALIFORNIA—

Staff Report

TO: City Council

FROM: Sean Thuilliez, Chief of Police

DATE November 1, 2022

SUBJECT: Downtown Homeless Intervention Program

Description Proposed plan for a Homeless Intervention Pilot Program

Background and Analysis:

The Beaumont Police Department has designed a pilot program to provide additional patrol as a part of a strategic partnership with the downtown business community. Providing focused and intentional enforcement of transient-related crimes is essential to achieving effective results. Deploying teams of officers on overtime, dedicated to transient enforcement efforts will reinforce the City's position on keeping the downtown district safe and sustainable.

Teams of two officers will be deployed during strategic and alternating hours to educate, deter or arrest transients during times of criminal activity.

The deployment schedule will primarily be focused during the evening and early morning hours while the transients are trespassing by sleeping on private property or ingesting narcotics. Using officers on overtime, their efforts will not be interrupted by their other responsibilities, allowing them to remain focused on patrolling the downtown district.

During the budget discussion on October 25th, staff recommended, and Council conceptually approved $50,000 of unprogrammed fund balance to provide funding for this pilot program. The formal budget adjustment approval is included in the public hearing on tonight's agenda.

To finalize the pilot program, staff is providing the following information:

Using the average Police Officer overtime rate of $75/hr.
Total hours: 665
$75/hr rate: $50,000
Team: 2 Officers
Shifts: 4-5 hours

Frequency: 2 times per week
Length: 40 weeks

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact of $50,000 is included in the budget adjustment public hearing and will be added to the Police Department budget for FY23.

Recommended Action:

Authorize the downtown homeless intervention program as outlined above.

Attachments:

    A. Boundary map of Downtown Business District