



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Robert Fisher, Acting City Manager

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MEETING DATE: May 22, 2025

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION BY FAITH IN ACTION CITY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF ON WHETHER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH NEGOTIATING A CONTRACT WITH FAITH IN ACTION TO PROVIDE HOMELESS SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF BANNING

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Receive presentation by Faith in Action on opportunities to provide homeless services within the City of Banning.
2. Direct staff to negotiate a Contract for homeless intervention and related services with Faith in Action and bring back a proposed Contract for Council consideration and approval at a future meeting.

BACKGROUND:

Faith in Action is a non-profit 501(C) 3 in good standing with the California Secretary of State. Faith in Action principal business location is 66 S. San Geronio Avenue in Banning California. Faith in Action mission is committed to helping low-income, at-risk, and unhoused individuals obtain and retain resources to meet their health, educational, housing and workforce development needs. Through the partnership with IEHP, they aim to enhance the health and well-being of the community.

1. Responding to homeless service requests made by City staff, and law enforcement in a timely manner.
2. Providing immediate crisis stabilization to those experiencing behavioral health, physical crisis and emergencies and connection to behavioral health and substance abuse treatment services.
3. Case management of individuals that are in treatment and temporary living situations to help ensure they do not return to the streets.
4. Assisting unsheltered homeless individuals with obtaining admittance and transportation to emergency shelters and connecting them with transitional and permanent housing options.
5. Providing support through trainings, presentations and sharing updates related to trends in regional homeless efforts.
6. Attending and participating in City Council meetings, as requested.

JUSTIFICATION:

Homeless Encampments pose a serious public safety risk, often causing fires and exposing encampment residents to increased risk of sexual violence and criminal activity, to property damage and break-ins, and unsanitary conditions affecting both residents and neighbors. And they dampen and deter

both commercial and recreational activity through the accumulation of hazardous material and excessive debris, harming downtowns and depriving Californians of their public spaces. Large encampments and those with semi-permanent structures exacerbate and perpetuate these harms.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Should the City Council direct staff to negotiate a contract with Faith in Action, staff will report on potential fiscal impact and availability of grant funds for this service at a future meeting at which a contract is presented for consideration.

ALTERNATIVES:

CITY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF ON WHETHER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH NEGOTIATING A CONTRACT WITH FAITH IN ACTION TO PROVIDE HOMELESS SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF BANNING.

BUDGETED?:

No

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:

Yes

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Faith in Action proposal for Opportunity Village.pdf](#)