

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 7, 2022

TO (CHC) Citizen Homelessness Commission Board Members

SUBJECT **Inclement Weather Shelter Services**

The City of Dallas periodically experiences extreme winter weather, necessitating temporary inclement weather shelter (TIWS) for those experiencing homelessness. This memo is to inform you of the Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) updated Temporary Inclement Weather Sheltering Services Plan.

Under Chapter 45 of the Dallas City code, OHS is authorized to activate Temporary Inclement Weather Shelter (TIWS) when the weather is set to be below 36 degrees in wet weather (50% or more precipitation) or 32 degrees in dry weather (F) for 3 hours or longer, between 4 pm – 8 am. the next day.

The updated Plan consists of three phases, allowing the expansion of sheltering services to be opened as needed when locations have reached capacity. The locations for each phase consist of:

1. Phase One: 2929 Hickory Street as the primary TIWS site, Oak Lawn United Methodist Church, and Warren United Methodist Church.
 - a. Lease agreement with Austin Street Center for 2929 Hickory Street includes expenses for the sheltering services for the lease term and renewal periods, if applicable.
 - i. For approximately 20,000 square feet of office, storage, training, and shelter space located at 2929 Hickory Street. This lease will provide office, storage, training, and sheltering operations by the Office of Homeless Solutions and Office of Emergency Management.
2. Phase Two: Phase One sites and the Central Library.
3. Phase Three: 3809 Grand Avenue, Fair Park First.
 - a. Once capacity has been reached at the locations listed in Phases One and Two, Phase Three will be activated and clients at those locations will be transported to Fair Park. Phase One and Two locations will then be closed.
 - b. The Fair Park location has been identified as the phase three location due to its capacity and the necessary scale of serving up to 1,200+ people at one time.

This new plan will provide a primary site for enhanced shelter services like TIWS, disaster relief via the Office of Emergency Management, and a site for storage and trainings via other departments like the Small Business Center, with a TIWS lead organization during inclement weather, and a larger location during prolonged, extreme inclement weather to serve up to 1,200+ people at one time.

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Upcoming Actions:

1. December 13, 2022: Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee presentation.
2. December 14, 2022: City Council agenda.
 - a. Item 33: Office of Emergency Management – lease agreement for 2929 Hickory Street.
 - b. Item 36: Office of Homeless Solutions – Fair Park Short Term Lease.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Wanda Moreland, Assistant Director, at wanda.moreland@dallas.gov.

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