

Revised Officer Recommendation: 12.4 Safe Night Spaces for People Sleeping Rough

Responsible Officer	Anne Banks-McAllister, Development Alliance	General	Manager	Community
Voting Requirement	Absolute Majority			
Attachments	Nil			

Purpose

For Council to consider the development of a Safe Night Space for women only located at 160 Hay Street, East Perth and a general (all genders) Safe Night Space to be located at a site to be approved by Council at future meeting.

Revised Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. SUPPORTS the development of a Safe Night Space for women at 160 Hay Street, East Perth as a two-year trial over three financial years ending 30 June 2023 at a capital cost of approximately \$575,000 in 2020/21 and operating cost of approximately \$2.3m over three financial years.
 2. APPROVES the allocation of \$575,000 capital expenditure for the design and refit of 160 Hay Street, East Perth from \$1.66M available in the 2020/21 Covid-19 Economic Rebound Reserve for support and advocacy for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness; including the co-ordination of services and support networks.
 3. SUPPORTS the development of a Safe Night Space for all genders, as a two-year trial over three financial years ending 30 June 2023, subject to Council consideration of the preferred site and associated costs.
 4. REQUESTS State Government support for the provision of two Safe Night Spaces by funding the operating cost of approximately \$4.5m to operate the spaces as a two-year trial ending 30th June 2023
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Comments

The original recommendation requested that Council consider supporting the establishment of two safe night spaces and the associated costs and disposals. The recommendation was put forward with the intention to simplify the process for establishing the two Safe Night Spaces and to facilitate a timely implementation. As the second site is not confirmed, further work will need to be undertaken.

Special Council meetings will be held for Council to consider the capital costs associated with a second preferred site for the provision of an all genders Safe Night Space; and for the disposal of

property, the tender for service delivery and the financial implications associated with operating costs for both the women's only and all genders safe night spaces.

Subject to Council approving the allocation of \$575,000 capital expenditure for the design and refit of 160 Hay Street East Perth, the Chief Executive Officer is authorised to award the contract to the successful tenderer under 1.2.7 Expressions of Interest and Tenders within the Delegated Authority Register 2020/21, subject to all conditions being met

Updated Financial Implications

It is proposed \$575,000 capital expenditure for the design and refit of 160 Hay Street, East Perth be allocated from \$1.66M available in the 2020/21 Covid-19 Economic Rebound Reserve for support and advocacy for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness; including the co-ordination of services and support networks.

The operating costs associated with this facility will be informed by a forthcoming tender process. It is envisaged that the tender acceptance and a budget amendment will be considered by Council at a future Council meeting.

Capital and operating costs for an adult all genders Safe Night Space will be presented at a future Council meeting.

The 2020/21 financial implications of the recommendation(s) are accommodated within the existing budget.

Account Number	1057-100-73-10001	Capital
Account Description	Homelessness Response	
Total Budget	\$1,660,000	
Budget – This report	\$575,000	
Remaining Budget	\$1,085,000	
Budget Impact	Budget within existing allocation identified for the Covid-19 Economic Rebound reserve.	