



**City of Lloydminster  
Request for Decision (RFD)**

**Subject Matter: Cold Weather Response Plan Funding Request**

**Department: Community Development Services**

Presented By: **Patrick Lancaster**

**Council Meeting Date: December 16, 2024**

**Recommendation:**

That Council commit \$99,950 from the Resiliency Reserve (1-100-130-36112) to Community Programs Operating Job 55100 for the implementation of a cold weather response plan.

**Issue:** Administration has drafted a cold weather response plan to address the needs of unsheltered residents in extreme cold.

**Background:**

The results from the most recent Point in Time (PiT) Homelessness count indicated at least 60 “unsheltered” individuals residing in the community. People who are unsheltered may be sleeping in vehicles, encampments, abandoned properties, or on the streets and alleys.

With both local emergency shelters continuously at maximum capacity, unsheltered individuals are at an elevated risk of injury or death in extreme cold weather conditions. These risks are elevated at night as temperatures decline and available public spaces close. The City has received numerous calls and emails from residents expressing concern for people who have no place to get warm in the cold temperatures.

There are several non-profit organizations in Lloydminster that provide necessities and comfort to unhoused residents. At present, no local organization has been identified that has the capacity to provide warm-up shelter without additional resources. Staffing, space, and finances are some of the barriers identified. Additionally, appropriate locations, willing property owners, and the stigma associated with homelessness also interfere with the ability to provide this support.

Administration has developed a plan for a temporary mobile warming station that could be operated in partnership with a non-profit with experience and connection to our local unhoused community.

- The mobile warming station would operate in the evenings when temperatures reach a predetermined threshold.
- Includes driver, security, cleaning, and agency support.
- Estimated costs would be \$99,500 assuming a maximum of 45 days of operation.
- This plan would be in effect January 1 to March 31, 2025.
- Administered in partnership with a local community group.

Vehicle Rental	\$54,000
Driver	\$13,500
Security	\$12,150
Cleaning	\$3,300
Agency Support	\$15,000
Incidental	\$2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$99,950</b>

Administration has reached out to both provinces and the Federal Government regarding funding opportunities, but there is currently no confirmation of funding to support this plan.

Administration is requesting Council approve the allocation of funds from reserves to support the operation of this plan, which is not currently budgeted for in 2025.

**Options:**

1. That Council commit \$99,950 from the Resiliency Reserve (1-100-130-36112) to Community Programs Operating Job 55100 for the implementation of a cold weather response plan.
2. That Council not commit \$99,950 for the implementation of a cold weather response plan.
3. That Council request further information and that the item be brought forward to a future Regular Council Meeting for decision.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** This item is in alignment with the following strategic area: Providing a Safe Community by providing vulnerable residents an opportunity to warm up during extreme cold weather.

**Legal Review:** N/A

**Governance Implications:** N/A

**Budget/Financial Implications:** This plan was not budgeted in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**Environmental Implications:** N/A



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