

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City of Austin remains committed to making unsheltered homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring; and

WHEREAS, programs like The Other Ones Foundation's Camp Esperanza play an integral role in advancing the City's homelessness goals by providing non-congregate shelter, workforce development opportunities, and leveraging state funds; and

WHEREAS, Camp Esperanza hosts the John Paul DeJoria Vocational Skills Center, offering trade training in HVAC, auto mechanics, welding, plumbing, and carpentry through partnerships with Austin Community College and Workforce Solutions; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, The Other Ones Foundation's "Going Home" program reunited 223 individuals experiencing homelessness with their families and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, Camp Esperanza broke ground on its Phase II expansion, which will add 200 additional tiny home units to address the growing need for shelter for Austin's unhoused population; and

WHEREAS, the Camp Esperanza Phase II project will require additional financial investment to build on their current success and there may be similar programs and providers also in need of additional support.; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to explore additional funding opportunities for community-based non-congregate shelter to enhance and expand shelter capacity and workforce development programs, and this exploration should include evaluating agreements with current service providers for additional opportunities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is further directed to report back to City Council with the results of this exploration by September 11, 2025, including bringing any recommended actions needing City Council approval to City Council for consideration.

ADOPTED: _____, 2025 **ATTEST:** _____
Erika Brady
City Clerk