

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ AND  
THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE  
FOR  
SEVERE WINTER WEATHER SHELTER SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT (hereafter called “Agreement”) between the County of Santa Cruz (hereafter called “County”), the City of Watsonville (hereafter called “City”), is executed with the effective date of December 1, 2024. County and City may be referred to individually as a “Party” and collectively, as the “Parties.”

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the Parties named above have identified a need in Santa Cruz County for expanded emergency shelter capacity for people experiencing homelessness during periods of severe winter weather; and

WHEREAS, the Parties acknowledge severe winter weather shelters are distinct from disaster-response shelters created during times of formal disaster declarations issued by agencies of government during times of natural or other disaster that impact the health and safety of all County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Parties acknowledge that during formal disasters, disaster response shelters must not discriminate against individuals in need of disaster assistance based on their economic or housing status prior to the declaration of a disaster according to Section 308 of the Federal Stafford Act<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the Parties define severe winter weather as a weather event occurring between December 1 and March 31<sup>st</sup> when one or more of the following occur: (1) The National Weather Service issues a forecast of two or more consecutive days with average overnight low temperatures at or below 38°F within the County’s urban services boundary; (2) The National Weather Service issues a formal flood warning due to excessive forecasted rains for two or more consecutive days anywhere in the County; or (3) The County of Santa Cruz issues evacuation orders due to excessive forecasted rains within the coastal watersheds of Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that the Director of the County Office of Response, Recovery, and Resilience or their designee will determine when severe winter weather shelters should open and will provide at least 24 hours and preferably 48 hours’ notice of the need to open severe winter weather shelter sites to key designated staff in the City, County, and a contracted operator of the sites; and

WHEREAS, County will make the Veterans’ Memorial Hall in the City of Watsonville or comparable site available for use as severe winter weather shelter; and

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-03/stafford-act\\_2019.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-03/stafford-act_2019.pdf)

## **AGREEMENT**

NOW, THEREFORE, City and County agree to incorporate the above Recitals hereto, and agree to the following:

### **A. Duties and Responsibilities**

1. City shall pay County an amount not to exceed \$60,000 within thirty (30) calendar days after execution of this Agreement for the Severe Winter Weather Shelter Fund.
2. County shall contribute an amount not to exceed \$130,000 for the Severe Winter Weather Shelter Fund.
3. County shall make the Veterans' Memorial Hall in the City of Watsonville or comparable location(s) available for use as shelter site.
4. County shall contract with People First of Santa Cruz County to provide Operational Support Services at the identified shelter site(s) during activation.
5. County shall supply its identified site(s) with cots and will be responsible for facility-costs associated with shelter operations such as utilities and general maintenance outside the scope of work with People First of Santa Cruz County.
6. The Parties shall not provide transportation to participants to designated shelter sites as part of this Agreement.
7. County will hold contributed funds ("Contributed Funds") from County and City (as referenced in paragraphs 1, and 4) into a County-managed trust account for use to cover the costs associated with:
  - a) People First of Santa Cruz County for severe winter weather shelter services, and
  - b) Property damage costs resulting from the shelter operations for the Veterans' Memorial Hall in the City of Watsonville.

The proposed funding is anticipated to cover shelter expenses for twenty (20) full-day operational periods. The Contributed Funds from City and County shall be used equally by County for severe winter sheltering service during the term of this Agreement. All shelter services provided by People First of Santa Cruz County shall be compensated according to the Rate Schedule attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

8. The Parties may exercise the option to approve the use of any unutilized Contributed Funds from this Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to cover future severe winter weather sheltering costs to be used in Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. On or before May 30, 2025, City and County must mutually agree in writing on the proposed use of any remainder of the Contributed Funds. If the Parties do not reach an agreement by that date, the unutilized City and County funds will be used by County for future severe winter weather sheltering vendor costs.

9. All use of funds relating to this program shall be subject to verification with County providing accounting to City of the use of City funds upon request and at least on an annual basis at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2025.
10. Unless this Agreement is amended in writing, the Parties' total collective contributions to the program shall not be increased beyond the amounts outlined above.

**B. Term and Termination.**

1. Unless modified or terminated with at least thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice to the other Party, this Agreement expires on June 30, 2025. The Parties may modify and/or extend the terms of this Agreement via a written amendment signed by both Parties.
2. Upon termination, the Parties will each be responsible for payment of the services up to the effective termination date; and the Parties shall be entitled to a reimbursement of the portion of its financial contribution for services not yet received.
3. All indemnity and record retention obligations shall survive termination of this Agreement.

**C. Indemnity Obligations.**

1. Vendor Indemnity Requirement.  
In any contracts for severe winter weather shelter services between County and a third-party vendor, the third-party vendor must be required to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless City and County and their respective related parties. The vendor's contract shall contain the following or similar language:
  - a) CONTRACTOR shall additionally exonerate, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Cities (which shall include, without limitation, their officers, agents, employees and volunteers) from and against:
    - i. Any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, defense costs, or liability of any kind or nature which Cities may sustain or incur, or which may be imposed upon it for injury to or death of persons, or damage to property as a result of, arising out of, or in any manner connected with the CONTRACTOR'S performance under the terms of this Contract, excepting any liability arising out of the sole negligence of the Cities. Such indemnification includes any damage to the person(s), or property(ies) of CONTRACTOR and third persons.
    - ii. Any and all Federal, State, and Local taxes, charges, fees, or contributions required to be paid with respect to CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR'S officers, employees and agents engaged in the performance of this Contract (including, without limitation, unemployment insurance, social security and payroll tax withholding).
    - iii. The vendor's contract shall contain the following or similar language:

“Vendor agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify, defend,

and hold harmless City of Watsonville and County, and their respective officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers (collectively, “Indemnitees”) from and against any and all liability, claim, action, loss, injury, damage, judgment, or expense, including attorneys’ fees and costs (“Losses”) caused by or resulting from the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of Vendor, Vendor’s officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors in any way related to this Agreement. Vendor’s duty to indemnify and hold harmless Indemnitees shall not apply to the extent such Losses are caused by the sole or active negligence or willful misconduct of Indemnitees. Vendor’s obligation to defend shall arise regardless of any claim or assertion that Indemnitees caused or contributed to the Losses. This indemnification clause shall survive termination of this Agreement.”

2. Indemnity Requirement between City and County.

- a) For the purpose of indemnification between City and County, each Party (“Indemnitor”) agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the other Party to this Agreement, and the other Party’s respective officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers (“Indemnitees”) from any claims, demands, damages, and liability of any kind or nature, including attorneys’ fees and costs, but only in proportion to and to the extent that any such liability imposed on the other Party is proximately due to the negligent acts or omissions of the Indemnitor party’s employee(s) relating to this Agreement.
- b) For the purpose of indemnification between City and County, each Party shall be responsible for the acts or omissions of its respective participating personnel and shall incur liabilities arising out of the acts or omissions of its respective personnel while participating in the severe winter weather shelter service program.
- c) Any personnel assigned to assist with the severe winter weather shelter shall be deemed to be continuing under the employment of their respective jurisdiction and shall have the same powers, duties, privileges, responsibilities, and immunities as are conferred upon them as an employee of their respective public agency.
- d) The obligations under this Section C.2. of the Agreement shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**D. Vendor’s Insurance.** County shall require that City and its respective officials, officers, directors, volunteers, and employees be named as an additional insured in all its third-party vendor contracts for shelter services related to severe winter weather that are partially funded by City. Vendor must be required to provide adequate insurance coverage limits, subject to the Parties’ approval. Proof of insurance must be verified by County, kept on file, and provided to City.

**E. License Agreement Required for Use of City Facilities.** Should the Parties choose to use City-owned or operated facilities for the purpose of providing shelter during severe winter weather, County's third-party vendor and the identified City will be required to enter into City's standard license agreement.

**F. General Terms**


1. No Assignment. No Party to this Agreement can assign any portion of this Agreement without the other Parties' prior written consent, unless otherwise stated herein.
2. No Third-Party Rights. This Agreement is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create any right, benefit, or enforceable law, substantive or procedural, for any third party against any Parties to this Agreement, the State of California, the United States, or the officers, employees, agents, or other associated personnel thereof.
3. Severability. The unenforceability, invalidity, or illegality of any provision(s) of this Agreement shall not render the other provisions unenforceable, invalid, or illegal.
4. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
5. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, and when each Party has signed and delivered at least one such counterpart, each one shall be deemed an original and, when taken together with other signed counterparts, shall constitute one agreement, which shall be binding on and effective regarding all Parties. Facsimile and scanned signatures have the same force and effect as original signatures.

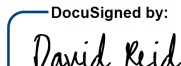
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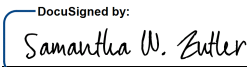
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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement, which is effective as set forth above.


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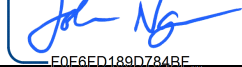
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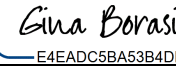
  
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Exhibit A – Rate Schedule

Shelter Costs	Rate
Staff & Administrative Costs	\$3,138 Per Day/Per Site
Operational Costs	\$683 Per Day/Per Site
Facilities & Supplies	\$569 Per Day/Per Site
10% People First Santa Cruz County Agency Fee	\$440 Per Day/ Per Site

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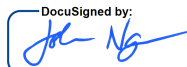
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