



RR# 23-1106 Pallet PBS Inc.

Finance and Governance Committee
August 22, 2023

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Mayor's Senior Advisor for Homelessness Resolution

Action Requested Today

Approval of Resolution #23-1106:
Approves a master purchase order with Pallet PBS Inc. for \$7,000,000 and through 8-31-2024, plus 1 one-year option to extend, for 200 pallet units and associated home furnishings that will support getting people experiencing unsheltered homelessness safely indoors, citywide (SC-00008309).



Goal: Bring 1,000 unsheltered residents indoors AND close those encampments by the end of 2023

How?

- **Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activation** with 50+ city employees working collaboratively
- **10-person team of appointees** in the Mayor's office working exclusively to deliver this goal
- **Outreach and services** to persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness to connect with shelter or housing options
- **Neighborhood and stakeholder engagement**



Housing is the Solution

Housing that is **safe and accessible** is the solution to homelessness

Non-congregate shelter and shelter alternatives = **connectors**

Strategies



Deploy an Encampment Resolution Program



Leverage Existing Housing Resources



Expedite Hotel Pipeline to Bring More Options Online Quickly



Scale Micro-Communities Across Denver



Utilize Congregate Shelter as Needed and Support Sheltering System

Pallet Shelters

Pallet shelter villages offer the dignity of private space in a healing community environment.

They are designed to rapidly assist unsheltered populations with a resource net of on-site social services, as well as food, showers, laundry, and more to help people transition to permanent housing.

Pallet shelters are a flexible system that can be installed on a wide variety of surfaces and connected to a number of power sources and standard sewer service lines.



Pallet Shelters (cont.)

What comes in a 70 sq ft unit:

- Bed, mattress, desk, storage shelf, AC unit, heater, power outlet

- Bathroom unit: 140sq ft each, two stalls

- 11 bathroom units + 3 accessible units

- Community space and laundry units (across 3 sites):

 - Three 400 sq ft community rooms

 - Three 800 sq ft community rooms

 - Three laundry units w/4 washers & dryers



Pallet PBS Inc.

Contract Term	08/31/23 – 08/31/24
Funding Source	General Services
Contract Amount	\$7,000,000

Master Purchase Order

- Up to \$7,000,000 for 200 pallet shelter units, community buildings, and restrooms for up to 3 sites
- Runs through 08-31-2024, with a one-year option to extend
- Will serve approx. **200 individuals** currently experiencing unsheltered homelessness

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Questions?



Appendix

Community Resources and Information

- The EOC regularly updates the initiatives website with new information, frequently asked questions, public town hall schedule, and status updates
- www.denvergov.org/house1000
- Community members can submit their questions and feedback to the online feedback form found on the website [here](#).
- Constituents can still report encampments via 311, and the EOC is coordinating with 311 to provide updated information