



## Legislation Text

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### **Renew the Contract with Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry (ACCHH) for Homeless Services (B)**

**The Empowerment Center Oversight Advisory Board (Advisory Board) recommends the Gainesville City Commission and the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners approve a contract renewal with ACCHH for one additional year, (January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019).**

On July 5, 2018, ACCHH presented its proposed Budget for Homeless Services to the Advisory Board. The City of Gainesville's current contract for Homeless Services with ACCHH will expire December 31, 2018. Through an interlocal agreement, the City of Gainesville and the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners equally fund the Low Barrier Emergency Shelter Services at the Empowerment Center. The current contract for those services has a provision which allows the City Commission to renew the contract for twelve months beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019. ACCHH is proposing a contract in the amount of \$1,476,998 for the contract period. The proposed contract reflects an increase of \$30,000 over the current contract due to the increase in the Living Wage to \$13.50 per hour. As a part of the approval process for the current contract period of April 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, the Gainesville City Commission agreed to provide funding for personnel and salaries at a level consistent with Alachua County's Living Wage Ordinance, which will increase to \$13.50 per hour for FY 2018-2019.

Both City Staff and County Staff recommended that the Advisory Board recommend that the City and the County Commissions renew the existing contract and authorize the Gainesville City Manager, or designee, to execute the amendment to the existing contract for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in the amount of \$1,476,998. The Advisory Board also recommended that the City Commission and the County Commission authorize the City Manager and the County Manager to amend the interlocal agreement between the City and the County to equally fund homeless services at the Empowerment Center during the time period. The proposed contract is \$ 1,476,998; the City's share of \$738,499 and the County's share of \$738,499 meet the total cost of the Contract for the time period.

The total cost for the contract between the City of Gainesville and ACCHH for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 is \$ 1,476,998. The contract period will be partially funded from the FY 2019 Budget and the FY 2020 Budget

The City Commission: (1) amend the existing Contract for Homeless Services with ACCHH, to add the time period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019; (2) authorize the Mayor (or designee(s)) and the County Commission Board Chair (or designee(s)) to amend the Interlocal Agreement between the City (City's share \$738,499) and the County (County's share \$738,499) to fund homeless services at the Empowerment Center; and (3) authorize the City Manager (or designee(s)) to execute the amended Contract for Homeless Services with ACCHH for the time period from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, subject to the City Attorney's approval for legality and form.