Strengthening Partnerships through Innovative and Sustainable Opportunities

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Our Mission Statement

Provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California’s economy and livability.

There are 8 counties in District 10, over 3,500 highway lane miles, 829 bridges 10,000 culverts 3 roadside rests and over 700 acres landscape.

• Litter
• Illegal Dumping
• Vegetation Management
• Homeless Encampments
Collaboration between City and State
A partnership to enhance the economy and livability in the City of Stockton and surrounding communities.

• Delegated Maintenance Agreement (DMA) between the City of Stockton and Caltrans
  Address litter abatement
  Provide self-sufficiency through paid employment
  Change the direction of ongoing maintenance issues

Sustainable Partnerships
Does our partnership enhance the economy and livability of the City of Stockton and surrounding communities?

Partnering and Partnerships.
• Our partnership, Caltrans and the City of Stockton is innovated is so many ways. Enhancing roadsides through litter abatement
• Our partnering with RTW, is aimed at rebuilding a foundation of self sufficiency
• Our partnership has the potential to house homeless or soon to be homeless families
• Our partnering shows our commitment and responsibility to the community
• Our partnership has the potential improve the appearance of Stockton, potentially break cycles of crime and poverty, potentially enhance the economy and livability of our community
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Homeless Employment Litter Program
HELP
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A partnership to provide employment opportunities for homeless individuals while helping to improve the appearance of Stockton.

Roles and Responsibilities

Caltrans
Provide the Opportunity
Clean Sweep

City of Stockton
Provide the Platform
HELP

Ready to Work
Provide the Services
Preliminary Planning of HELP

• Listened.
• Researched.
• Evaluated relationships of existing programs within the City of Stockton.
• Engaged stakeholders.

Development of HELP

• Understanding constraints of the Delegated Maintenance Agreement.

• Preparing RFP to hire a non-profit service provider.
Developing Agreement with Caltrans

• No expiration.
• Limited working hours/days – 18 hours per week, 34 weeks per year, April through November.
• $121,000 per year.
• One 5-person crew.
• Site turnover every two months.
• No City overhead costs.

Defining Goals of the RFP

• Hire a non-profit agency to handle the day-to-day management and operation of HELP.
• Provide a low to no barrier work experience for homeless.
• Provide supportive social services – food, shelter, programs, etc.
• Provide job readiness skills.
Incorporated Metrics into the RFP

• 70% of the participants must be new enrollees.
• Participation our local Continuum of Care.
• Reporting on weekly quantity of litter collected at each site.
• Reporting on transition of individuals to permanent employment, housing, and behavioral health services.

Implementation of HELP

• One proposal received from Real
• RFP Committee unanimous that Work could successfully deliver HELP
• Contract for Services awarded by Council in August 2018.
• HELP officially kicked-off October 2018.
Administration of HELP

• City staff provides less than 3-hour administration per week.
• Modifications in schedule/location reporting.
• Contract amendments to allow more flexibility in the working hours/days.
• Caltrans to provide additional funding for the current fiscal year.

Changing lives through work.
Ready to Work — Who we are

• Private nonprofit founded in December 2016
• Wide partnership of donors, elected officials, law enforcement, and businesses
• Designed to serve underserved segment of homeless population
• 45 beds for homeless adult men in San Joaquin County
• Provides shelter, food, wrap-around services, and employment
• Focus on self-sufficiency — permanent housing and regular employment

How RTW “works”

• Stable income is critical to ending homelessness, because it allows people to sustain housing
• Ready to Work focuses on paid work for clients
• Clients become temporary employees of Ready to Work
• Earn income, save money, and build a work history so clients can build a financial foundation that leads to housing and long-term employment
Caltrans makes it possible

- Ready to Work clients are assigned to a stretch of roadway each day
- Clients clean Caltrans property under supervision from RTW staff
- Clients are paid for their labor thanks to Caltrans investment and City of Stockton partnership
- Clients have the opportunity to apply for full-time jobs

A day on the road with RTW

Cleaning refuse from Highway 99 in Stockton, Calif., with safety as a top priority.

Photos by Anthony Rhodes, RTW
Support services for success

• Income and shelter alone are not enough to end homelessness

• Support services are crucial to stability and success:
  - Case management
  - Substance abuse counseling
  - Mental health support
  - Budgeting
  - Education and training
  - Long-term planning
  - Job search and application
  - Permanent housing location

Early success stories

• 257+ cubic yards of trash collected in first five months

• 1,297 hours of paid work provided to 34 homeless clients

• 17 participants are still in the program and earning income

• 8 exited to permanent housing or reunited with family

• A second RTW work crew will begin this month
Repeatable partnership. Repeatable success.

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