



TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, COMMISSIONER
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING ADVOCACY & COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT

DATE: November 6, 2023

SUBJECT: Limited Capacity Temporary Winter Motel Shelter for Families with Children
Experiencing Homelessness

Request: Council authorization to execute an agreement with Community Action Council for operation of Temporary Winter Motel Shelter Services in the amount of \$48,500.00. This program will provide temporary emergency shelter during the winter season for families with minor children.

Purpose of Request: The Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention, in consultation with community providers and stakeholders, has developed a multi-faceted winter response plan to meet the needs of the over 800 persons who experience homelessness in Fayette County on any given night. Much of the community need will be met through the operation of a temporary congregate shelter. However, such a congregate environment is not appropriate for all households—such as families with minor children.

Community Action Council operates the Emergency Family Housing Program, Lexington's only dedicated family emergency shelter program. The proposed funding will allow the Emergency Family Housing Program to maintain a limited number of motel rooms as emergency shelter. Families with minor children presenting within the homelessness response system and lacking other shelter options can be provided with a short-term hotel stay. Households will receive supportive services including assistance with basic needs and case management toward permanent housing. The program will operate between November 1, 2023, and April 1, 2024.

What is the Cost in this budget year and future budget years? Cost in FY24 is \$48,500.
The cost for future FY25 is: \$0

Are the funds budgeted? Yes
Account number: 3230-155003-0001-78112 (AR_OHPI_2024)

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Director/Commissioner: Herron/Lanter

