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TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, COMMISSIONER

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING ADVOCACY & COMMUNTIY

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DATE: July 28, 2025

SUBJECT: GreenHouse17 Emergency Facility Repairs Funding

Request: Council authorization to execute Agreement with GreenHouse17, Inc. to provide one-time funding to address emergency repairs of the fire sprinkler system at the organization's emergency shelter at a total cost not to exceed \$60,000.

Purpose of Request: In June 2025, the fire sprinkler system at GreenHouse17's emergency shelter failed, resulting significant property damage and temporary disruption of the building's water service. While GreenHouse17 had previously applied for federal grant funding to address the necessary repairs, the organization has been advised that further stopgap repairs are not possible and replacement of the sprinkler system needs to occur as soon as possible.

GreenHouse17 was proactive in seeking alternative funding, obtaining approximately \$150,000 from the state's ZeroV domestic violence coalition. GreenHouse17 submitted a request to the Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Board for the remaining \$60,000 to fully fund the project. The HPI Board voted to approve this request at the July 9, 2025 board meeting.

GreenHouse17 operates a 42 bed emergency shelter for survivors of domestic violence, serving more than 250 individuals annually. As outline in the recently released Lexington Emergency Shelter Study, Lexington's homeless response system is currently at a deficit of year-round shelter beds. Loss of additional shelter beds would have an immediate and serious impact on the local system.

What is the Cost in this budget year and future budget years? Cost in FY26 is \$60,000.00

The cost for future FY27 is: \$0

Are the funds budgeted? Yes

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Director/Commissioner: Herron/Lanter

