



TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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

DATE: August 29, 2025

SUBJECT: 2025-26 Winter Weather Shelter Infrastructure

Request: Council authorization to execute Agreement with EDS Holdco, LLC. For the operation of a temporary winter emergency shelter at 1306 Versailles Road for persons experiencing homelessness to operate between November 1, 2025, and April 1, 2026, at a total cost not to exceed \$1,782,000.00.

Purpose of Request: Each year, Lexington sees a need for temporary expansion of its emergency shelter bed inventory to ensure availability of shelter to persons experiencing homelessness during the winter months. Adverse weather conditions result in persons seeking shelter who ordinarily may not do so. Lexington's homeless response system, as outlined in the recently completed shelter study, lacks the year round beds to adequately shelter all persons in need during inclement weather and extreme temperatures. Therefore, a seasonal surge in capacity is required.

Emergency Disaster Services is a company with widespread experience and expertise in the construction and operation of temporary shelters for the purposes of serving those experiencing homelessness and/or natural disasters. The Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention seeks to enter into an agreement with EDS to provide "turn key" operation of its 2025-26 winter emergency shelter.

The temporary winter shelter will operate between November 1, 2025, and April 1, 2026. Operation by EDS will include: three meals daily (hot breakfast, cold lunch, hot dinner, standard beverage service), 24/7 security guard service, medical services, janitorial services, onsite management, intake/administration, and general management. The shelter can accommodate up to 216 adult men and women.

What is the Cost in this budget year and future budget years? Cost in FY26 is \$1,782,000
The cost for future FY27 is: \$0

Are the funds budgeted? Yes
Account number: 1145-155003-0001-78112

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Director/Commissioner: Herron/Lanter

