



TO: Mayor Jim Gray
Urban County Council

FROM: Charlie Lanter, Director, Office of Homelessness Prevention & Intervention

CC: Sally Hamilton, CAO

DATE: October 25, 2016

SUBJECT: Deposit assistance for veterans experiencing homelessness

Request

Request Council authorization to enter a 12-month grant agreement with the Lexington Housing Authority providing one-time funds of \$8,000 for deposit/application fee assistance for veterans experiencing homelessness. Funding not to exceed \$700 per household will be used to make one-time deposit or application fee payments directly to landlords on behalf of veteran households entering permanent housing and utilizing a special purpose Housing Choice Voucher earmarked for veterans. Funds are budgeted in the Office of Homelessness Prevention & Intervention.

Why are you requesting?

The Lexington Housing Authority has allocated 75 Housing Choice Vouchers to serve veterans experiencing homelessness in Lexington. This allocation is part of the community's ongoing effort to End Veteran Homelessness and is combined with a multi-organization effort to identify and rapidly house all veterans experiencing homelessness. Often the veterans being assisted with these vouchers lack the up-front funds to pay for deposits and/or application fees required by landlords as part of the lease. These fees can be the difference between housing and homelessness for affected veterans and so these funds will be available to bridge that gap. The funds were budgeted for this purpose.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

The cost for this FY is: \$8,000

The cost for future FY is: \$0 (one-time allocation)



Are the funds budgeted?

The funds are budgeted or a budget amendment is in process: Yes.

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