



TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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

DATE: May 15, 2026

SUBJECT: Funding to Arbor Youth Services for Installation of Fire Sprinkler System

Request: Council authorization to execute an Agreement with Arbor Youth Services, Inc. to provide funding in an amount not to exceed \$56,000.00 for the installation of a fire sprinkler system at its Transition Age Youth emergency shelter located at 540 West Third Street. This facility provides emergency shelter for youth ages 18 to 24 years. Installation of the fire sprinkler system is projected to add 9 additional shelter beds to the facility's overall inventory.

Purpose of Request: On February 12, 2026 (Resolution 034-2026), Council authorized execution of an agreement in the amount of \$155,464.00 with Arbor Youth Services, Inc. for installation of a fire sprinkler system at its transition age youth shelter via Community Development Block Grant funding provided by the Division of Grants and Special Programs. Upon obtaining bids, Arbor Youth Services found the cost for the project to have increased to \$267,600.00.

This project would result in 9 additional emergency shelter beds for youth ages 18 to 24 years of age to Arbor's overall inventory. Given the lack of available shelter beds within the local homeless response system, these additional beds would be of significant benefit to area youth experiencing homelessness.

In order to make it feasible for the project to continue as planned, the Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Board authorized a commitment of up to an additional \$56,000.00 in funding from the Innovative and Sustainable Solutions Fund at the May 2026 Board meeting. Arbor Youth Services has confirmed the ability to provide the remaining funds and complete the project as originally planned.

What is the Cost in this budget year and future budget years? Cost in FY26 is \$56,000.00
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

