



TO: Mayor Jim Gray

Urban County Council

FROM: Polly Ruddick, Director, Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention

CC: Sally Hamilton

DATE: November 12, 2018

SUBJECT: High Utilizer Housing First Project

Request

Authorization to execute an agreement with Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc for the High Utilizer Housing First Project.

Why are you requesting?

Department needs this action completed because Mountain Comprehensive Care Center was selected through a competitive bid process to operate a 3-year housing first project to provide housing and supportive services for households experiencing extreme chronic homelessness, specifically those within the community that utilize hospitals, jails, law enforcement, and homeless services at an extreme rate. Extreme chronic homelessness is defined as having the longest length of homeless occurrence in the entirety of the homeless population. Extreme rate of utilization being defined as; 10 or more ambulance service/transport calls per year and/or 30 or more arrest/citations per year.

Thirty-two (32) households were identified through data from the Lexington Police Department, Lexington Fire Department, and the Office of Homelessness. Of those, ten (10) have accepted the offer of housing and supportive services. The Lexington Cross Functional Team continues to conduct outreach to those that have not accepted the offer of housing.

The three-year project cost is not to exceed \$450,000 and annual costs not to exceed \$150,000. Funds for year one (1) are approved in the FY19 Innovative and Sustainable Solutions to



Ending Homelessness Fund by the Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Board. Funds for years two (2) and three (3) will come from funds allocated to the Innovative and Sustainable Solutions to Ending Homelessness Fund subject to the amount allocated to that fund by Council.

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

The cost for this FY is: \$150,000

The cost for future FY is: \$150,000

Are the funds budgeted?

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

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Director/Commissioner: Ruddick/Hamilton

