



TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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

DATE: June 22, 2026

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Streets Outreach Services for Persons Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness (RFP-30-2026)

Request: Council authorization to execute an Agreement with the Hope Center, Inc. for operation of Comprehensive Street Outreach Services in the amount of \$572,795.00. This program will work to engage individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness, making contacts and offering intensive case management services, and ensure availability of supportive services to encampment residents in compliance with LFUCG's Homeless Encampment Standard Operating Procedure.

Purpose of Request: Despite decreases in unsheltered homelessness in recent Point-in-Time Counts, Lexington continues to see significant numbers of persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness throughout the year when seasonal shelter resources are unavailable. To continue progress in reducing unsheltered homelessness, the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention seeks to contract with the Hope Center for provision of Comprehensive Street Outreach Services (RFP-30-2026).

The Hope Center's Street Outreach Team will operate 7 days per week (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.) with on-call coverage for after-hours emergencies, holidays, and weather events. The program will include two teams utilizing a zone-based approach to assign service needs. The team will balance new contacts with intensive, housing-focused case management. The program expands upon previous iterations of outreach services by increasing field-based medical needs access via partnership with HealthFirst Bluegrass and expand clinical supports through leveraging of PATH and Opioid Abatement funding.

What is the Cost in this budget year and future budget years? Cost in FY27 is \$572,795.00
The cost for future FY28 is: \$572,795.00

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

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Director/Commissioner: Herron/Lanter

