



TO: Mayor Jim Gray
Urban County Council

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

CC: Sally Hamilton, CAO

DATE: May 1, 2018

SUBJECT: Transportation Program for People Experiencing Homelessness

Request

Authorization to: Execute an agreement with Lexington Rescue Mission for a one-time grant of \$10,000 to provide transportation for people experiencing homelessness (and family members where appropriate) to housing opportunities outside of Lexington. This project will provide bus tickets to individuals/families with an identified, confirmed housing opportunity outside of Lexington that must be independently verified by staff members at Lexington Rescue Mission. Transportation will not be provided to move someone from homelessness in Lexington to homelessness in another community. Lexington Rescue Mission will provide reports reflecting usage, destination and, if applicable, rates of return to Lexington.

Why are you requesting?

Department needs this action completed because: Some people experiencing homelessness in Lexington are able to access housing in other communities with family members, through programs, or in some cases with friends or through other means. In these cases the person remains homeless only because they cannot afford transportation expenses to the community with the housing opportunity. In cases where this can be independently verified the staff members at Lexington Rescue Mission will pay the expense of a common carrier bus ticket to the desired community. The request must be client initiated and the program cannot be used just to get someone out of Lexington from one homeless situation to another.

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

The cost for this FY is: \$10,000

The cost for future FY is: \$10,000



Are the funds budgeted?

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

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Director/Commissioner: Sally Hamilton, CAO

