



TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM: THERESA REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE: JUNE 26, 2023

SUBJECT: Progressive Street Outreach program for those experiencing unsheltered homelessness

Request: Council authorization to execute an agreement with the Hope Center, Inc. for operation of Progressive Street Outreach Services in the amount of \$300,000.00. This program will provide compliance with the Homeless Encampment Standard Operating Procedures, provide street-level service engagement and ongoing intensive case management for those experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

Purpose of Request: On the evening of the 2023 Point-in-Time Count, 38 individuals were found to be experiencing unsheltered homelessness with approximately 180 additional persons at risk of experiencing unsheltered homelessness being sheltered with seasonal resources. Further, challenges remain in engaging persons who refuse services and/or suffer from significant mental health and substance use disorders. The Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention seeks to continue and expand street outreach services with expanded staffing and increased clinical supports.

The Progressive Street Outreach team will balance contacts to newly identified unsheltered persons, ongoing outreach to “hot spot” locations, and individualized housing-focused case management services. The team will include a license clinician, peer support specialists, a housing navigator, and a SOAR specialist for connection to SSI/SSDI benefits. The team will work in coordination with the OHPI, LFUCG Community Paramedicine, Lexington Police Department, Eastern State Hospital, and other area providers while not duplicating efforts.

What is the Cost in this budget year and future budget years? Cost in FY24 is \$300,000.00.
The cost for future FY25 is: \$0

Are the funds budgeted? Yes, adopted in FY2024 budget.
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Director/Commissioner: Reynolds/Lanter

