



**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

DATE: August 29, 2025

SUBJECT: 2025-26 Winter Weather Shelter Infrastructure

Request: Council authorization to execute Agreement with EDS Holdco, LLC. to provide rental, installation, and removal of structures at 1306 Versailles Road to be utilized for a temporary winter emergency shelter for persons experiencing homelessness to operate between November 1, 2025, and April 1, 2026, at a total cost not to exceed \$688,824.

Purpose of Request: Each year, Lexington sees a need for temporary expansion of its emergency shelter bed inventory to ensure availability of shelter to persons experiencing homelessness during the winter months. Adverse weather conditions result in persons seeking shelter who ordinarily may not do so. Lexington's homeless response system, as outlined in the recently completed shelter study, lacks the year round beds to adequately shelter all persons in need during inclement weather and extreme temperatures. Therefore, a seasonal surge in capacity is required.

Emergency Disaster Services is a company with widespread experience and expertise in the construction and operation of temporary shelters for the purposes of serving those experiencing homelessness and/or natural disasters. The Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention seeks to enter into an agreement with EDS to provide the rental of needed structures for the construction of a temporary winter shelter, including installation and removal.

The temporary winter shelter will operate between November 1, 2025, and April 1, 2026. The shelter can accommodate up to 216 adult men and women and includes: housing structures, multi-use structures, hygiene facilities, walkway connectors, HVAC services, restroom facilities, shower facilities, bunk beds, interior lighting, and exterior lighting.

What is the Cost in this budget year and future budget years? Cost in FY26 is \$688,824.

The cost for future FY27 is: \$0

Are the funds budgeted? Yes

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Director/Commissioner: Herron/Lanter

