



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

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: DECEMBER 22, 2021

SUBJECT: Medical Respite Care Program for Homeless Families & Individuals

Request: Council authorization to execute an amended agreement with Bluegrass Care Navigators adding additional funding from the American Rescue Plan Act for the operation of the Medical Respite Care Program, providing isolation and quarantine for those experiencing homelessness that are COVID-19 positive at a cost not to exceed \$137,102.00.

Purpose of Request: In March 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the homelessness response system expanded use of the medical respite program to include all households that were pending a COVID-19 test and those testing positive. The ability of the system to expand this program has resulted in limited congregate shelter spread and zero deaths as of December 2021. Bluegrass Care Navigators was able to cover all costs for this expanded response until late summer 2021.

During August, September, and December 2021 all three (3) Lexington congregate shelters experienced increased community spread resulting in large numbers of COVID-19 positive cases requiring isolation. Due to the spread and in an effort to cover the entire system's isolation and medical respite services as planned, Bluegrass Care Navigators has requested additional funding in order to continue providing medical respite for COVID+ cases.

These funds are allocated from ARPA funding included in the FY22 budget for the Office of Homelessness Prevention & Intervention.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? The cost in FY22 is \$137,102.00. There is not impact on future budget years.

Are the funds budgeted? Yes. Funds are budgeted in 3230-155003-0001-78112 .



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Director/Commissioner: Lanter/ Hamilton

