



TO: Mayor Jim Gray  
Urban County Council

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

CC: Sally Hamilton, CAO

DATE: March 26, 2018

SUBJECT: Night Ambassadors Pilot Program

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Request:

Authorization to: Execute an agreement with Downtown Lexington Partnership to operate a Night Ambassador Pilot Program at a cost of \$101,000.00, to provide work-based earning opportunities for currently homeless individuals who would otherwise be unemployable due to barriers to employment.

Why are you requesting?

Department needs this action completed because: Lexington/Fayette County experiences a very low unemployment rate. The need for this program results from the situations wherein persons are traditional unemployable due to employment history, past criminal activity, or are otherwise considered a risk for employers leading to a lack of income and continued homelessness. Results which are avoidable through the establishment of a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance employment program providing a stepping stone to long-term employment and in return long-term stable housing.

This is a pilot program funded for six months. Evaluation of the program will determine future sustainability funding.

Fund allocation has been approved by the Homelessness Intervention and Prevention Board under the Innovative and Sustainable Solutions to Ending Homelessness Fund.

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

The cost for this FY 18 is: \$60,500.00

The cost for future FY 19 is: \$40,500.00

Are the funds budgeted?



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

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Director/Commissioner: Polly Ruddick/Sally Hamilton, CAO

