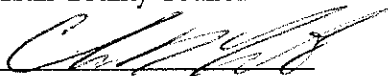


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Jim Gray  
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To: Mayor Jim Gray  
Urban County Council

From:   
Charlie Lanter, Director, OHPI

Date: December 15, 2014

Re: Evaluation of Housing First Pilot Project

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This is to request Council authorization to execute an agreement with the University of Kentucky Research Foundation, to conduct a third-party evaluation of the Housing First Pilot Project.

The University of Kentucky's Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) was selected through a competitive bid process to conduct a 3-year evaluation of the Housing First pilot project to be operated by Hope Center, Inc. This project uses the Housing First model to provide housing and opportunities for people experiencing homelessness. The 2013 report of the Mayor's Commission on Homelessness included among its top recommendations the goal of establishing a housing first project in Lexington. This model provides housing *first* to someone experiencing homelessness and then wraps intensive services around that individual while they reside in their own home. This is different from the traditional model in which someone would pass through various shelters and transitional housing programs before getting a home of their own.

This agreement is with the UK Research Foundation for CBER to conduct a full third-party evaluation of the Housing First pilot project. This evaluation will collect pre and post data on participants enrolled in the program as well as participants who meet the criteria for enrollment but receive no intervention and those who meet the criteria and receive a more traditional intervention. The evaluator will provide annual reports and a final report which provides cost-benefit analysis of the three groups with recommendations regarding how the Housing First model can be most effective in Lexington.

The three-year evaluation cost is not to exceed \$124,770.32. The cost for year one is \$40,842.57 and funds are approved in the FY14 allocation of funding for projects in the Office of Homelessness Prevention & Intervention. Funds for years two and three will come from funds allocated to the Innovative and Sustainable Solutions to Homelessness fund and are subject to the amount allocated to that fund by Council.