

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Jim Gray Mayor Sally Hamilton CAO

TO:

JIM GRAY, MAYOR

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM:

IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE:

DECEMBER 11, 2014

SUBJECT:

Request Council authorization to approve an amendment to the 2013 Consolidated Plan, providing for elimination of Emergency Solutions

Grants funding for The Salvation Army and reallocating Emergency Solutions Grants funding for Rapid Rehousing/Homelessness

Prevention and Administration activities

An amendment is hereby proposed to the 2013 Consolidated Plan. The 2013 Consolidated Plan was approved by the Urban County Council on April 25, 2013 (Resolution No. 175-2013), approving acceptance of federal funds under the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grants Program.

The 2013 Consolidated Plan provided for an allocation of \$21,817 in Emergency Solutions Grants funds to the Salvation Army for operation of the emergency shelter for homeless single women with or without children. Federal regulations require participation in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), the system for collection and reporting of client-level data. Federal regulations also require that families not be involuntarily separated in the provision of shelter under the Emergency Solutions Grants Program. Salvation Army has indicated that it is unable to comply with these federal regulations at this time and is unable to participate in the Emergency Solutions Grants program as provided by the 2013 Consolidated Plan.

This Amendment to 2013 Consolidated Plan is in accordance with the approved Citizen Participation Plan. Reallocation of these funds in the amount of \$21,817 is proposed as follows:

Provide federal funds in the amount of \$21,281.66 for Rapid Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention for homeless and at-risk of homelessness households between the ages of 18 and 25. The Department of Social Services has recognized that young families who are leaving foster care and those who have been abandoned by their families face hardships in getting and retaining housing. Arbor Youth Services will provide case management to these

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individuals and families in finding and sustaining housing. Matching funds in the amount of \$21,281.66 will come from the Affordable Housing & Homelessness Fund (Fund 1145).

Provide additional federal funds in the amount of \$535.34 for project administration. Match in the amount of \$535.34 will come from 1101-160201-000-78201.

It is hereby requested that Council approve an amendment to the 2013 Consolidated Plan, eliminating Emergency Solutions Grants funding in the amount of \$21,817 for The Salvation Army, at their request, and reallocating Emergency Solutions Grants funding in the amount of \$21,281.66 for Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing and \$535.34 for project administration.

Irene Gooding, Director-

Xc: Sally Hamilton, Chief Administrative Officer