



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
OFFICE OF HOMELESSNESS
PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

Jim Gray
Mayor

Charlie Lanter
Director

To: Mayor Jim Gray
Urban County Council

From: 
Charlie Lanter, Director, OHPI

Date: June 15, 2015

Re: Housing First Project amended PSA

This is to request Council authorization to execute an amended PSA to add services in the Housing First Pilot Project at an additional cost not to exceed \$18,000. This amendment allows the project to serve one additional chronically homeless, medically vulnerable individual who would otherwise be on the streets.

Hope Center was selected earlier this fiscal year through a competitive bid process to operate a 3-year pilot project utilizing 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. A separate agreement will include a third-party evaluation of this project to examine outcomes and return on investment compared to other interventions and no intervention at all.

The amended three-year project cost is not to exceed \$768,000. Funds for year one are already budgeted 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.