



TO: Mayor Gray

FROM: 

Polly Ruddick, Director, OHPI

CC: Sally Hamilton

DATE: September 29, 2017

SUBJECT: Hope Center Housing First – Agreement - One Year Extension

This is to request Council authorization to execute an agreement with The Hope Center providing continuation funding for Housing First to renew the term of the Agreement until November 30, 2018 and provide additional funding in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

Hope Center was selected in 2014 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. In combination with this, UK, is completing a 3-year evaluation of the project to be released early 2018.

The cost for LFUCG is not to exceed \$250,000. Additional funding is needed to keep the program operational as UK completes the evaluation of the pilot. A new RFP will be released in 2018 with the recommendations from the evaluation. Funds are approved in the FY18 allocation of funding for projects in the Office of Homelessness Prevention & Intervention Innovative and Sustainable Solutions to Homelessness fund and are subject to the amount allocated to that fund by Council.

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

The cost for this FY 17-18 is: \$250,000.00

The cost for future FY is: 0

Are the funds budgeted? Yes

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

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Director/Commissioner: Polly Ruddick/Sally Hamilton

