



**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, COMMISSIONER
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING ADVOCACY & COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2023

SUBJECT: Temporary Winter Warming Shelters for Persons Experiencing Homelessness

Request: Council authorization to execute an agreement with the Hope Center, Inc. for operation of a temporary winter warming shelter for persons experiencing homelessness in the amount of \$693,657. This funding will allow the Hope Center to continue 24/7 operations of the temporary warming shelter through the remainder of the winter season.

Purpose of Request: In the Spring of 2023, the Commissioner of Housing Advocacy and Community Development convened a committee tasked with reimagining the community's winter weather response plan for persons experiencing homelessness. That committee included members of emergency shelter and street outreach provider organizations as well as representatives of the Urban County Council, Police, and Community Paramedicine.

The committee reviewed challenges with previous response models and to produce recommendations for the 2023-24 winter season. Key to the committee's recommendations was the operation of a season-long congregate shelter that would improve efficiency of operations and produce better outcomes for program participants.

In September 2023, the Council approved an initial agreement to provide the Hope Center with the funding necessary to open this temporary warming shelter. This agreement provides the remaining funds needed to continue operations through the end of the season (March 31st).

What is the Cost in this budget year and future budget years? Cost in FY24 is \$693,657.
The cost for future FY25 is: \$0

Are the funds budgeted? BA in process
Account number: 1145-155003-0001-78112

File Number: 1244-23

Director/Commissioner: Herron/Lanter

