



TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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

DATE: April 7, 2025

SUBJECT: Flexible Housing-Focused Financial Assistance Fund for Persons Experiencing Homelessness

Request: Council authorization to execute agreements with Arbor Youth Services, Inc. and Community Action Council for Lexington-Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison, and Nicholas Counties, Inc., for administration of financial assistance funds in accordance with the Lex End Homelessness Housing Flex Fund policies and procedures pursuant to administrative agreements and RFP 5-2025: Arbor Youth Services, Inc. (\$100,000.00) and Community Action Council for Lexington-Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison, and Nicholas Counties, Inc. (\$200,000.00). This financial assistance fund assists households in rapidly exiting literal homelessness or prevents them from entering/returning to literal homelessness by providing funds to meet housing-related costs.

Purpose of Request: The Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention (OHPI) has engaged membership of the local Continuum of Care in identifying the need for a source of flexible financial assistance funds capable of rapidly exiting households from literal homelessness or to prevent them from entering/returning to literal homelessness. Currently available financial assistance funds in the community lack the ability to cover numerous identified housing-related costs, often forcing households to enter/return to the homeless response system or to remain in a literal homeless situation for lengthy periods of time awaiting referral to a housing assistance program. This fund allows housing service providers to identify opportunities to resolve the household's housing crisis through the provision of financial assistance paired with case management supports.

The OHPI has developed the Lex End Homelessness Housing Flex Fund to meet this need. Policies and procedures for the LEH Housing Flex Fund were developed with participation of the CoC board and membership. Contracted agencies will serve as Access Point Agencies, connecting households with needed assistance in accordance with this shared set of policies. Updates to the LEH Housing Flex Fund policies and procedures will be overseen by the LFUCG Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Board. Access Point Agencies will conduct follow-up contacts to support households in maintaining stability and to track outcomes.

What is the Cost in this budget year and future budget years? Cost in FY25 is \$300,000.00
The cost for future FY26 is: \$300,000.00

Are the funds budgeted? Yes
Account number: 1145-155003-0001-78112



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