



TO: Mayor Linda Gorton  
Urban County Council

FROM: Polly Ruddick, Director, Office of Homelessness Prevention & Intervention

CC: Sally Hamilton, CAO

DATE: October 9, 2019

SUBJECT: Intensive Street Outreach program for those experiencing unsheltered homelessness

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Request:

Authorization to: execute an agreement with Community Action Council to operate an Intensive Street Outreach program at a cost not to exceed \$280,000.00. The program will provide compliance with the Encampment Standard Operating Procedures, provide street level service engagement and ongoing intensive case management for those experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

Why are you requesting?

Department needs this action completed because: On any given night, Lexington has an average of 125 individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness. In the cold winter months, an average of 30 individuals. The Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention (OHPI) identified Intensive Street Outreach as a gap in Lexington's homelessness services network. Based on the current landscape of programs, OHPI seeks to restructure the original 2015 street outreach program into an Intensive Street Outreach Program expanding from a "contacts" model to include ongoing intensive case management for those unsheltered.

The Intensive Street Outreach team will be located in the downtown Lexington area and include, but not be limited to, a licensed clinical therapist, a peer specialist, and a housing navigator. This team would carry a caseload of active clients as well as continued outreach "contacts" to those that have refused services or are new to the homeless system here in Lexington but have not engaged services.

This team will work in concert with Community-Para-Medicine, Lexington Police Department, University of Kentucky Medical Center, Eastern State Hospital, and all other providers while not duplicating efforts. This team will be designed and implemented in a manner that its abilities



include: completion of 202A petitions, working active Adult Protective Service cases and Guardianship, filing and coordinating efforts for Tim's Law cases, engagement into encampments and relocation efforts, storage of personal belongings, completion of SOAR applications for those unsheltered only, and all other multi-faceted supportive services that may be needed in order to obtain permanent housing.

Fund allocation for year one (1), has been approved by the Homelessness Intervention and Prevention Board under the FY20 Innovative and Sustainable Solutions to Ending Homelessness Fund.

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

The cost for this FY 20 is: \$280,000.00

The cost for future FY 21 is: \$0

Are the funds budgeted?

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

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Director/Commissioner: Polly Ruddick/Sally Hamilton, CAO



