

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton

Urban County Council

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

CC: Sally Hamilton, April 15, 2021

SUBJECT: PSA with Community Action Council for Temporary Non-Congregate Emergency

Shelter

Request:

Authorization to execute an agreement with Community Action Council to provide temporary non-congregate emergency shelter for the month of April 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$92,521.06.

Why are you requesting?

Department needs this action completed because: The Office of Homelessness in partnership with community providers developed an action plan to provide temporary emergency shelter during the winter of 2020 and 2021 for all those experiencing homelessness. As part of this plan, LFUCG entered into an agreement, dated March 3, 2021 whereby the LFUCG would reimburse Community Action Council up to \$620,211.00 in federal funds under the CARES Act for the provision of temporary non-congregate emergency shelter services. As planned the temporary emergency shelter at Motel 6 was scheduled to close on March 31st displacing about 100 individuals, some children. As some individuals are in process of securing housing or relocating to another shelter, a hard close date would have left some displaced and rendered unsheltered if additional emergency shelter and case management services are not provided.

Community Action Council has submitted a detailed housing/shelter transition plan with additional budget needs in order to mitigate adverse impacts to those securing permanent housing or relocating into another shelter. The plan clearly demonstrates the timing for all households to be provided access to other shelter options or the date at which their permanent housing location will be secured. The detailed, client specific plan proposes a new close date of April 30, 2021.

The City's Administration and OHPI agree with the Council's proposal to continue emergency shelter and case management services for those with pending housing placements or active housing plans. We agree, placing households on the street will only endanger their progress in securing housing and may have adverse impacts on ending their homelessness.



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

The cost for this FY 21 is: \$92,521.06

The cost for future FY 22 is: \$0

Are the funds budgeted?

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

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Director/Commissioner: Polly Ruddick/Sally Hamilton, CAO

