



TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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

DATE: September 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Homeless Street Outreach Program Expansion

Request: Council authorization to execute a first amendment to an agreement with the Hope Center, Inc., for operation of Progressive Street Outreach Services to provide additional funding in the amount of \$218,452.00, for a total cost not to exceed \$535,092.00. This program provides street-level service engagement and ongoing case management for persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness and delivers services offered under the Homeless Encampment Standard Operating Procedure.

Purpose of Request: On July 13, 2023 (R 400-2023), Council authorized execution of an agreement with Hope Center, Inc. for the operation of homeless street outreach services. On September 24, 2024 (R 450-2024), Council authorized execution of a renewal agreement for two additional annual terms. The Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention now requests Council authorization to amend the agreement with Hope Center, Inc. to provide additional funding in the amount of \$218,452.00 on the final term under the agreement, for a total cost not to exceed \$535,092.00

Since August 2025, Hope Center's outreach team has increased the focus of its outreach efforts on Lexington's downtown core. Working in collaboration with Community Paramedicine and Police, Hope Center's street outreach team has engaged unsheltered persons in Lexington's downtown to provide basic needs, facilitate access to shelter, engage individuals in the development of individualized housing plans, and provide referrals to needed community resources and services.

Proposed additional funds would add staff dedicated to downtown outreach efforts, including a Team Lead, a Clinician, and a Peer Support Specialist as well as 2 part-time Outreach Workers providing weekend coverage. This allows for both downtown-focused outreach and continued outreach to the entirety of Fayette County, including provision of services to encampment residents.

What is the Cost in this budget year and future budget years? Cost in FY26 is \$218,452.00
The cost for future FY27 is: \$0

Are the funds budgeted? Yes
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Director/Commissioner: Herron/Lanter

