



TO: Mayor Gray

FROM: _____

Polly Ruddick, Director, OHPI

CC: Sally Hamilton

DATE: June 5, 2017

SUBJECT: Mental Health Court – Agreement Amendment - One Year Extension

This is to request Council authorization to execute an Amendment to the agreement with NAMI-Lexington (National Alliance on Mental Illness) providing continuation funding for Mental Health Court to extend the term of the Agreement until July 1, 2018 and provide additional funding in an amount not to exceed \$125,000..

The 2013 report of the Mayor's Commission on Homelessness included among its top recommendations support for the creation of a Mental Health Court in Lexington. This court is a diversion program similar to drug court which seeks to treat nonviolent offenders with mental illness as an alternative to incarceration. Clients will be referred to the court of District Judge Kim Wilkie for the program where they will participate in intensive case management as part of their diversion. This project has resulted in housing for people who are chronically homeless.

The cost for LFUCG is not to exceed \$125,000. Additional funding is needed to keep the court operational as NAMI works with several other funding options for ongoing support. All future funding will come from sources other than LFUCG. Funds are approved in the FY18 allocation of funding for projects in the Office of Homelessness Prevention & Intervention Innovative and Sustainable Solutions to Homelessness fund and are subject to the amount allocated to that fund by Council.

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

The cost for this FY 17-18 is: \$125,000.00

The cost for future FY is: 0

Are the funds budgeted? Yes

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

Account number: 1145-1555003-0001-78112

File Number: -17



Director/Commissioner: Polly Ruddick/Sally Hamilton

