



**TO:** LINDA GORTON, MAYOR  
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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

**DATE:** AUGUST 15, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Progressive Street Outreach program for those experiencing unsheltered homelessness

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**Request:** Council authorization to execute an agreement with the Hope Center, Inc., for operation of Progressive Street Outreach Services in the amount of \$316,640.00. 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:** The Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention (OHPI) funded the Hope Center, Inc. to provide street outreach services in response to RFP 24-2023, approved for an initial term by the Urban County Council on July 13, 2023 (RES 400-2023). The Hope Center proposed and was selected for a term of three years to provide street outreach services; due to a change in funding source, a separate agreement was required for years two and three.

Street outreach services are a vital part of Lexington's homelessness response system. With 82 individuals found to be experiencing unsheltered homelessness on the evening of the 2024 Point-in-Time Count and many more persons at risk of experiencing unsheltered homelessness, street outreach brings housing-focused supportive service to those most unlikely or unable to seek assist for themselves. Hope Center's team includes peer support specialists, peer mentors, a housing navigator, a licensed clinician, and a SOAR specialist for connection with SSI/SSDI benefits. This team works in coordination with the OHPI, LFUCG Community Paramedicine, Lexington Police Department, Eastern State Hospital, and other are providers while not duplicating efforts.

**What is the Cost in this budget year and future budget years?** Cost in FY25 is \$316,640.00.  
The cost for future FY26 is: \$316,640.00.

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

**File Number:** 0808-24

**Director/Commissioner:** Herron/Lanter

