



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

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

**DATE: September 19, 2025**

**SUBJECT: Temporary Winter Motel Shelter for Families with Children Experiencing  
Homelessness**

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**Request:** Council authorization to execute an agreement with Community Action Council for Lexington-Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison, and Nicholas Counties, Inc. to operate winter motel shelter services for families with children experiencing homelessness between November 1, 2025, and April 1, 2026, at a total cost not to exceed \$177,250.

**Purpose of Request:** Each year, the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention coordinates with community provider partners to develop a winter response plan to meet the needs of the over 900 persons experiencing homelessness in Fayette County on any given night. While a temporary congregate shelter will be available for adult men and women, this environment is not appropriate to serve all households.

Community Action Council operates the Emergency Family Housing Program, Lexington's only dedicated family emergency shelter program. This proposed funding will allow the Emergency Family housing Program to maintain a limited number of rooms as emergency shelter.

Families with minor children presenting within the homelessness response system and lacking other shelter options can be provided with a short-term hotel stay. Households will receive supportive services including assistance with basic needs and case management toward permanent housing. The program will operate between November 1, 2025, and April 1, 2026. This program is projected to serve approximately 45 families with up to 30 nights of shelter each.

**What is the Cost in this budget year and future budget years?** Cost in FY26 is \$177,250.  
The cost for future FY27 is: \$0

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

**File Number: 0924-25**

**Director/Commissioner:** Herron/Lanter

