

Utah Homelessness Council (UHC)

Agenda Item - Executive Summary

Purpose:

- Decision
- Informational

Meeting Date: September 21, 2023

Subject: Salt Lake County Winter Response

Submitted by: Office of Homeless Services (OHS)

SUMMARY

1. Salt Lake County Winter Response (Including Code Blue as outlined in [H.B. 499](#))

Utah code 35A-16-5 required the Council of Governments (COG) of Salt Lake County to convene a winter response task force and to submit a winter response plan to the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) that would address the emergency shelter needs of individuals experiencing homelessness from October 15, 2022 – April 30, 2023, on or before August 1, 2023. The winter response plan was accepted by the office and approved by the Utah Homelessness Council (UHC) during the August 10th meeting with the agreement that OHS would report the executable plan to the UHC in September. Final funding amounts are contingent upon further budget negotiation with each provider.

Organization	Site	State Funding	County Funding	City Funding
Shelter the Homeless	West Valley Site	\$500,022		
Shelter the Homeless	Resource Center Flex Beds (GEK, GMRC, PARC)	\$487,841	\$180,000	
The Road Home	St. Vincent de Paul	\$268,793		\$200,000
The Road Home	Pamela Atkinson Resource Center (PARC) & Gail Miller Resource Center (GMRC)	\$623,212		
Volunteers of America	Geraldine E. King Resource Center (GEK)	\$257,500		
Volunteers of America	Youth Resource Center (YRC)	\$100,000		
Volunteers of America	Recovery on Redwood	\$100,000		
Switchpoint	West Valley Site	\$1,874,550		
Unsheltered Utah	First Methodist Church	\$128,457		
County	County Recreation Building	\$42,000		
	Total	\$4,382,375	\$180,000	\$200,000

An initial 510 beds will be available in Salt Lake County with additional beds and resources being added throughout the winter. With the cooperation of local, county and state governments, winter overflow operations will officially commence October 16, 2023. All 600 winter overflow beds are anticipated to be available by the end of November 2023.

Locations:

Initial implementation for winter response includes the following 510 beds:

- 175 additional beds between the three Homeless Resource Centers
- 170 beds at West Valley City Overflow site operated by Switchpoint
- 65 beds at St. Vincent de Paul
- 50 beds at the Volunteers of America Detoxification Expansion
- 50 beds at the Non-Congregate Temporary Shelter Project

All intake and bed assignments will occur at the Homeless Resource Centers and West Valley City location with shuttles to and from each location.

Meals:

Three meals a day will be provided at St. Vincent De Paul Dining Hall, Weigand Homeless Resource Center, and all three Resource Centers. Meals will also be served at the dedicated overflow location in West Valley City.

Safety and Security:

All locations will have on-site security. Salt Lake City, South Salt Lake City, and West Valley City received funding through Utah's Office of Homeless Services to fund public safety efforts and operational support to mitigate community impact.