

Utah Homelessness Council (UHC)

Agenda Item - Executive Summary

Purpose:

- Decision
 - Informational
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Meeting Date: September 21, 2023

Subject: FY24 Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Funding

Submitted by: Office of Homeless Services (OHS)

FUNDING SOURCE INFORMATION

Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Restricted Account

SUMMARY

1. FY 24 Third-Tier Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation

In accordance with Utah Code 35A-16-401 through 404 outlining the requirements for municipalities to request account funds from the Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Restricted Account, the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) has coordinated \$1,540,245.00 in third-tier funding with eligible cities that have the capacity to provide temporary shelter to at least 50 individuals per night and operate for no less than three months during the winter response period.

2. Unspent and Uncommitted Mitigation Funds

As outlined in Utah State Code 35A-16 Part 4, the Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation account is funded by local sales and use tax revenue. Tax Commission projections run on a calendar year. The Office of Homeless Services makes awards based on Tax Commission projections. Due to the differences in projections provided by the Tax Commission a total of \$1,946,758 has been uncommitted or unspent from FY19 to present.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The State Homelessness Coordinator and Office of Homeless Service recommends funding for third-tier eligible cities as follows:
 - a. For **existing** Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation grantees, no more than 1/3 of the funding allocated will be committed by the municipality for public safety services, with the remaining amount of funding being directly contracted to the eligible shelter operator for operations from OHS in coordination with the eligible municipality.

Operations and other services could include staffing, public sanitation services, transportation, security, or client services for winter overflow.

- b. For **newly** participating Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation eligible municipalities, no more than 2/3 of the funding allocated will be committed by the municipality for public safety services, with the remaining amount of funding being directly contracted to the eligible shelter operator for operations from OHS in coordination with the eligible municipality. Operations and other services could include staffing, public sanitation services, transportation, security, or client services for winter overflow.

Municipality	Winter Response Site(s)	Total Beds	Public Safety Services	Contracted to Service Providers for Overflow Shelter Operations and Other Services	Total Third-Tier Funding
- Existing - Salt Lake City	St. Vincent de Paul, Geraldine E. King Resource Center, Gail Miller Resource Center, RDA Non-Congregate Shelter Site	215	\$216,439.66	\$432,879.31	\$649,318.97
- Existing - South Salt Lake City	Pamela Atkinson Resource Center	75	\$75,502.21	\$151,004.41	\$226,506.62
- Existing - Ogden City	Lantern House	50	\$50,334.80	\$100,669.61	\$151,004.41
- New - West Valley City	West Valley Site	170	\$171,138.33	\$342,276.67	\$513,415.00

2. Unspent and Uncommitted Mitigation Funds

The State Homelessness Coordinator and Office of Homeless Services recommend the use of \$1,946,758 of unspent and uncommitted funding for Salt Lake County 2023-2024 winter response operations and Code Blue response.