



## UTAH HOMELESS SERVICES BOARD EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

August 22, 2024

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**Agenda Item:** 5 a.

**Subject:** 2024 Winter Response Update, Winter Funding

**Submitted by:** Office of Homeless Services (OHS)

**Purpose:**

- ☒ Decision  
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**Staff Recommendation:**

- OHS recommends the Utah Homeless Services Board (UHSB) grant authority to OHS to work with the Balance of State CoC and Mountainland CoC to coordinate \$420,000 for FY25 winter response directly with applicable Local Homeless Councils. OHS will present funding recommendations and project details to the UHSB during the September for approval.
- OHS recommends the Utah Homeless Services Board (UHSB) grant authority to OHS to fund \$25,000 one-time to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for required Code Blue activities outlined in [35A-16-702](#).

**Summary:**

- Utah code 35A-16-5 requires the Council of Governments (COG) of counties of the first and second class to convene a county winter response task force. Salt Lake, Utah, Weber, Davis, and Washington counties have each submitted a winter response plan, as required in state code, to the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) to address the emergency shelter needs of individuals experiencing homelessness from October 15, 2024 – April 30, 2025.
- OHS would like to prioritize the coordination of winter response funding to support the remaining Local Homeless Councils not required to convene a county winter response task force as outlined below. Coordination of winter response funding will provide essential services such as emergency shelter throughout the winter response period.
  - Mountainland CoC-Summit and Wasatch counties only
  - Balance of State CoC
    - Bear River



- Tooele
  - Uintah Basin
  - Six County
  - Iron
  - Carbon-Emery
  - Grand
  - San Juan
- As per [35A-16-702](#), DHHS is required to monitor and evaluate forecasts and advisories produced by the National Weather Service; issue a code blue alert under this section if the Department of Health and Human Services identifies a code blue event; and disseminate the code blue alert to the public at large; homeless shelters located within an affected county; local government entities located within an affected county; the office; and any other relevant public or private entities that provide services to individuals experiencing homelessness within an affected county.

**Funding Source Information:**

- FY25 Statewide Homeless Systems Support