

STATE HOMELESS COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SHCC)

Agenda Item - Executive Summary

Type

X	Decision
	Information

MEETING DATE: August 8, 2018
SUBJECT: Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Account
SUBMITTED BY: Housing and Community Development Staff

SUMMARY:

SB235 creates the Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Account and authorizes \$2,500,000 in funds for FY19. It requires the State Tax Commission to withhold local sales tax option from non-exempted local governments to fund the account on an ongoing basis. It specifies that South Salt Lake is eligible to receive at least 40% of the account funds and Midvale at least 20% if they meet certain requirements. Additionally, SB235 creates a grant opportunity for eligible cities and the Department of Public Safety to apply.

1. Municipal Eligibility

South Salt Lake and Midvale have submitted requests to the State Homeless Coordinating Committee for consideration for both FY19 and FY20 funds. As required by SB235, the proposals contain the following items:

- Crime statistics
- Calls for public safety services
- Data showing municipalities need for public safety services
- Copy of municipality's budget that includes a specific amount for additional personnel to provide public safety services

South Salt Lake:

In summary, South Salt Lake is requesting \$1,973,055 in FY19 and \$2,742,120 in FY20 for 12 new police officers, 12 new paramedic/EMT personnel, 12 police cars, 1 ambulance, and 1 evidence storage container.

Midvale City:

In summary, Midvale City is requesting \$1,311,100 in FY19 and \$1,384,200 in FY20 for nine police officers and one part time victim advocate. Three officers and the part time victim advocate have been funded for the last two years from the Homeless to Housing account. They propose funding these positions and six new officers with the Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Account.

2. Grant Eligibility

The Department of Public Safety and eligible cities have the opportunity to apply for funding through a grant opportunity for FY20. The grant funding amount available is the remaining balance after the eligibility municipalities are funded. The Tax Commission will provide fund estimates to HCD.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

HCD staff recommend the following awards contingent upon funding made available by the Utah State Tax Commission:

1. Municipal Eligibility

- a) FY19 - As the FY19 funding requests exceed the allocated amount of \$2,500,000, HCD staff recommend funding South Salt Lake at 60% and Midvale at 40% of the total amount available as determined by tax revenue.
 - If additional revenue is generated through the local sales tax option, funding will be allocated based on the 60/40 split up to the full amount requested, contingent on legislative appropriation
- b) FY20 - HCD Staff recommend funding up to the full FY20 request of \$2,742,120 for South Salt Lake and \$1,384,200 for Midvale, contingent on legislative appropriation.

2. Grant Eligibility

For FY20 grant funding, HCD seeks authorization from SHCC to:

- a) Release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to the eligible grant entities
- b) Review submitted proposals and provide funding recommendations to SHCC at the November 2018 meeting

Timeline

September 27	RFP Released
October 18 by 5:00 p.m.	Proposals Due

Review Process

October 18 – November 1	Proposal Review and Scoring
November 14	Recommendation to SHCC
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020	Contract period

HOMELESS SHELTER CITIES MITIGATION RESTRICTED ACCOUNT

Municipal and Grant Eligibility

S.B. 235 created the Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Restricted Account (hereafter referred to as Account) and authorizes \$2.5 million in funds in the state fiscal year 2019. This bill:

1. Allows redevelopment agencies to transfer funds to a county or municipality under certain circumstances;
2. Creates an **application process** for certain municipalities with homeless shelters to obtain Account funds to employ and equip additional personnel to provide public safety services;
3. Creates a **grant program** with funds from the account for a municipality with a homeless shelter to pay for programs to mitigate the impact of the homeless shelter and for the Department of Public Safety to employ additional personnel to provide public safety;
4. Requires the State Tax Commission to deposit a percentage of a county's or municipality's local option sales and use tax revenue into the Account; and
5. Directs DWS on how to disburse funds from the Account.

MUNICIPAL ELIGIBILITY

*“Eligible Municipality” means a city of the **third, fourth, or fifth class**, a town, or a metro township that: has, or is proposed to have, a homeless shelter [a facility that provides or is proposed to have the capacity to provide temporary shelter to at least **200 individuals per night**; and operates year-round and is not subject to restrictions that limit the hours, days, weeks, or months of operation] within the city's, town's, or metro township's geographic boundaries; due to the location of a homeless shelter within the city's, town's or metro township's geographic boundaries, **needs more public safety services [law enforcement, emergency medical services, and fire protection] than the city, town, or metro township needed before the location of the homeless shelter within the city's, town's, or metro township's geographic boundaries;** and is certified as an eligible municipality in accordance with Section 35A-8-609.” (35A-8-607)*

Eligible Municipalities

Third, fourth and fifth class cities with a qualifying proposed or existing shelter:

- South Salt Lake City (eligible for 40% of funds)
- Midvale City (eligible for 20% of funds)

GRANT ELIGIBILITY

For the Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Restricted Account, *“Grant Eligible Entity” means: the Department of Public Safety; or a city*, town or metro township that: has a homeless shelter [has the capacity to provide temporary shelter to at least **60 individuals per night**; and operates year-round and is not subject to restrictions that limit the hours, days, weeks, or months of operation] within the city's, town's, or metro township's geographic boundaries; **has increased community, social service, and public safety service needs [law enforcement, emergency medical services, and fire protection] due to the location of a homeless shelter within the city's, town's, or metro township's geographic boundaries;** and is certified as a grant eligible entity in accordance with Section 35A-8-609.” (35A-8-608)*

**Does not specify class of city*

Grant Eligible Entities

- Department of Public Safety
- Midvale City
- Ogden City
- Salt Lake City
- St. George City

