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Proposal for Purchase of Downtown Shelter

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The Department of Workforce Services is requesting authorization from the State Homeless Coordinating Committee (SHCC) to utilize up to \$4 million in funds from the Homeless to Housing Account to offer to purchase the downtown shelter from Shelter the Homeless (STH). STH is currently having the property appraised and is anticipated to offer it for sale in the coming weeks.

This request will help accomplish four objectives from the State's perspective:

1. Workforce Services will take a lead role in ensuring the issues raised in the audit get implemented and that a transition to the new resource center model can occur seamlessly.
2. Allows STH to focus on the development of the new resource centers, selection of operators and the implementation of Coordinated Entry.
3. Provides needed capital to STH for the further construction and development of the resource centers. Selling the downtown shelter has always been a part of the contemplated capital stack.
4. The State Department of Heritage and Arts has a designated future use of the site, as it is adjacent to existing property. Funds from the purchase can be reimbursed to the Homeless to Housing Account subject to legislative appropriations.

Workforce Services will utilize Division of Facilities and Construction Management to acquire and manage the site.

Anticipated Timeline

August 8, 2018 – SHCC approval

August 31, 2018 – STH completes appraisal

September 5, 2018 – STH votes on sale of property to qualified bidder

September 18, 2018 – Executive Appropriations Committee

October 1, 2018 – Close on sale

October 1, 2018 – New lease with The Road Home executed

June 30, 2019 – Closure of downtown shelter



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