

Utah Homelessness Council (UHC)

Agenda Item - Executive Summary

Purpose:

- Decision
 - Informational
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Meeting Date: August 25, 2021

Subject: 2020 General Legislative Session H.B. 440

Submitted by: Office of Homeless Services

Summary:

During the 2020 general legislative session H.B. 440 was passed with intent language for the use of proceeds from the sale of the land located at 210 S. Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City.

The Legislature intends that an amount equal to the lesser of the appropriation described in Item 1 (\$6,000,000) or the amount of the proceeds from the sale of the land located at 210 South Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City, be used as follows:

- *50% shall be used to assist a nonprofit entity that owns three or more homeless shelters in a county of the first class in paying off a loan taken out by the entity to build a homeless shelter located in a county of the first class as described in Subsection 35A-8-604(10); and*
- *50% may be used to provide funding for the ongoing operations of one or more homeless services resource centers and for overflow costs.*

The Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness (SLVCEH), with staff involvement from Shelter the Homeless, has been conducting long term planning meetings and have identified a goal of adding at least 300 overflow beds to the Salt Lake valley homelessness system. The proposed project with Volunteers of America, in partnership with Shelter the Homeless, will increase overflow capacity with 80-100 beds by the fall/winter of 2022.

Related Council Meeting Documents:

1. SLVCEH, Letter of Support
2. Volunteers of America, outline of proposal and background
3. SLVCEH Overflow Bed Plan, Fall through Spring 2021-2022
4. 252 Brooklyn Avenue, facility document
5. Office of Homeless Services, letter of support for VOA Board Meeting

Staff Recommendations:

The Office of Homeless Services recommends the use of \$3,000,000 from the Homeless to Housing Restricted Account for the purchase of the 252 Brooklyn Avenue Detox Facility to be used for future day shelter and overflow needs.