

# Utah Homelessness Council (UHC)

## Agenda Item - Executive Summary

### Purpose:

- Decision
  - Informational
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**Meeting Date:** February 9, 2023

**Subject:** Homelessness Funding Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) Timeline and Application Review

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

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### RELATED DOCUMENTS

- State Homelessness Funding Request for Grant Application Draft

### SUMMARY

For state contract years FY21 - FY23, OHS contracted with 45 agencies across 110 projects to provide services to individuals experiencing homelessness throughout the state. OHS will release a new Request for Grant Application (RFGA) for the next three-year funding cycle, FY24 - FY26. OHS will contract with agencies to provide the following:

- Emergency shelter
- Rapid rehousing
- Homeless prevention
- Street outreach
- Transitional housing
- Permanent supportive housing
- Case management within the aforementioned projects
- Other projects that do not fit within the above project types

In cooperation with the State Homelessness Coordinator, the Utah Homelessness Council (UHC) is responsible for reviewing applications and approving funding for the provision of homeless services in the state. OHS has prepared the attached RFGA draft for UHC's review and approval.

Submitted applications will be provided to the UHC members for review, reviewed by OHS, and prioritized by the Utah Homeless Network (UHN) Steering Committee per state code 35A-16-207, "Duties of the steering committee". The UHN will make final recommendations to the UHC in the May 2023 council meeting. UHN members who are employed by an applicant agency will be required to find a Local Homeless Council representative without conflicts to participate in the review and recommendation process.

### 35A-16-207. Duties of the steering committee

The steering committee shall:

- 1) support connections across continuums of care, local homeless councils, and state and local governments;
- 2) coordinate statewide emergency and crisis response in relation to services for individuals experiencing homelessness;
- 3) provide training to providers of services for individuals experiencing homelessness, stakeholders, and policymakers;
- 4) educate the general public and other interested persons regarding the needs, challenges, and opportunities for individuals experiencing homelessness; and
- 5) make recommendations to the homelessness council regarding the awarding of funding for the provision of homeless services as described in Subsection 35A-16-203(1)(d).

### Utah Homeless Network (UHN) Steering Committee - State Code 35A-16-206

UHN Co-Chairs: Heather Hogue, Stefanie Jones

Name	Local Homeless Council (LHC)	LHC Role for UHN Steering Committee	LHC Chair/Co-Chairs
Stefanie Jones*	Bear River	Chair Designee	Amy Anderson
Renee Raso	Carbon-Emery	Chair	Renee Raso
Amber Thirkill	Davis	Chair Designee	Lorene Kamalu
Rhiana Medina	Grand	Chair Designee	Trish Hedid
James Jetton	Iron	Chair Designee	R. Scott Phillips
Karen McCandless*	Mountainland	Chair Designee	Andrew Jackson
Mack McDonald	San Juan	Chair	Mack McDonald
Debbie Mayo	Six County	Chair Designee	Pam Morison
Rob Wesemann*	Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness (SLVCEH)	Co-Chair	Rob Wesemann Shawn McMillen
Christy Johnson	Tooele	Chair Designee	Kendall Thomas
Kim Dieter	Uintah Basin	Chair Designee	JR Bird
Carol Hollowell	Washington	Chair Designee	Jimmie Hughes
Melissa Freigang	Weber-Morgan	Chair Designee	Scott Jenkins
Russell Goodman	OHS Program Staff	Designee	N/A
Joseph Jensen	OHS Data Staff	Designee	N/A
Lainee Meyers	Balance of State	Collaborative Applicant	N/A
Heather Hogue*	Mountainland	Collaborative Applicant	N/A
Katherine Fife	SLVCEH	Collaborative Applicant	N/A
Shailey Ovard	N/A	Lived Experience	N/A

\*Members of UHC as determined per statute by the UHN

## **FUNDING SOURCE INFORMATION**

- Federal Emergency Solutions Grant
- Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Homeless to Housing (Utah Code 35A-16-302, 303)
- Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust (Utah Code 35A-16-301)

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Office of Homeless Services recommends the council:

- Approve the drafted RFGA to be released by the end of February, early March 2023.
- Give authority to the Office of Homeless Services to make changes to the RFGA based on potential changes to state statute and funding available as a result of the 2023 General Legislative Session, and to make changes based on any other issues that may arise.

Any feedback received by the Utah Homelessness Council before February 16, 2023, will be considered, and incorporated into the application where appropriate.