

Utah Homelessness Council (UHC)

Agenda Item - Executive Summary

Purpose:

- Decision
 - Informational
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Meeting Date: June 30, 2023

Subject: Shelter the Homeless, Sale of Rio Grande Funding

Submitted by: Office of Homeless Services (OHS)

SUMMARY

In the UHC meeting on December 16, 2022, Shelter the Homeless was awarded \$3mm from the Homeless to Housing Reform Restricted Account, Sale of 210 S Rio Grande Street Property set aside. This funding was awarded for the purchase of a hotel/motel to serve a medically vulnerable population.

In March of 2023, Shelter the Homeless, with the support of additional funding from Salt Lake County and Salt Lake City, completed the purchase of a facility that will be used as a non-congregate shelter. This project is currently under renovation to convert the hotel/motel into a permanent emergency shelter.

Shelter the Homeless, in coordination with the Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness and local municipalities, has determined that this facility that was previously purchased originally intended to serve a medically vulnerable population is better suited to serve families experiencing homelessness. Shelter the Homeless is requesting the original intent of this award be modified to allow for this change in the population served.

Approving this change in the use of the facility will provide a better setting for families to be assisted with non-congregate emergency shelter. Additionally, the change will reduce the pressure on existing shelters serving families experiencing homelessness. The non-congregate emergency shelter will provide a range of housing-focused, supportive services to assist families experiencing homelessness resolve their homelessness.

FUNDING SOURCE INFORMATION

[Utah State Code 35A-16-302 and 35A-16-303](#)

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The State Homelessness Coordinator and the Office of Homeless Services recommend approving the change to the intent of the \$3mm Homeless to Housing Reform Restricted Account, Sale of 210 S Rio Grande Street Property set aside funding awarded to Shelter the Homeless to allow the for the owned facility to be used to assist families experiencing homelessness.