

Utah Homelessness Council (UHC)

Agenda Item - Executive Summary

Purpose:

- Decision
 - Informational
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Meeting Date: June 30, 2023

Subject: Purchase of Medically Vulnerable Population Non-Congregate Facility by Shelter the Homeless

Submitted by: Office of Homeless Services (OHS)

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Attachment A: Non-Congregate Budget

Attachment B: Non-Congregate Timeline

SUMMARY

The Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness (SLVCEH) has identified the need for a non-congregate emergency shelter facility to assist 'Medically Vulnerable People.' 'Medically Vulnerable People' may include individuals that are medically frail, in need of recuperative care, have underlying health conditions, have a compromised immune system, or individuals over the age of 65.

The SLVCEH has recommended Shelter the Homeless (STH) be the entity to pursue this project.

An original site was located and the UHC awarded \$3mm in State funding for the purchase of that facility. STH since changed the goal of that facility to assist families experiencing homelessness, as the site is more conducive for this specific population.

STH has continued working to secure a facility that is suitable to assist 'Medically Vulnerable People' with non-congregate emergency shelter and has located an appropriate site. STH has previously secured \$3mm in federal HOME-ARP funding awarded by OHS that will be used towards the acquisition of this facility. STH is seeking an additional \$11mm to close the gap in the total cost of \$14mm needed for the acquisition of the facility.

Please see Attachment A and Attachment B for further information regarding the acquisition of the property.

FUNDING SOURCE INFORMATION

State General Fund

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The State Homelessness Coordinator and the Office of Homeless Services recommend awarding \$11mm in one-time funding from State General Fund dollars currently held by the OHS. Funding will be utilized to purchase a non-congregate emergency shelter facility that will serve Medically Vulnerable People.