

Low Barrier Shelter

Ordinance 240960

8/13/2024

Finance, Governance, and Public Safety Committee



Kansas City needs a Low Barrier Shelter

The City's plan to end homelessness, Zero KC (Resolution 220865), includes creating a low barrier shelter.

The 2023-24 Cold Weather Low Barrier shelter served **1,668** individuals with **18,119** bed nights.

There are not enough permanent low barrier shelter beds to meet the needs of this population.

HOME ARP Funding

On August 2022, Council approved HOME ARP funds. \$7.14M was designated for a low-barrier shelter.

| Eligible Activity | Maximum Award |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Non-congregate Shelter | \$4,797,892 |
| Supportive Services | \$1,500,000 |
| Non-profit Capacity Building | \$419,895 |
| Non-profit Operating | \$419,895 |
| Total | \$7,137,682 |

HOME ARP RFP Process

On August 2023, the City, requested proposals to provide a non-congregate, low-barrier shelter facility to assist unsheltered families and individuals as required by the HOME ARP Allocation Plan.

The RFP was reissued on April 30, 2024.

| RFP Round 2 Applicants | |
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| Non-congregate Shelter | 5 |
| Supportive Services | 7 |
| Total | 12 |

RFP Recommendations

Hope Faith Homeless Assistance Campus

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Non-congregate Shelter | \$4,797,892 |
| Supportive Services | \$750,000 |
| Non-profit Capacity Building | \$375,000 |
| Non-profit Operating | \$375,000 |

Care Beyond the Boulevard

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|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Supportive Services | \$750,000 |
| Non-profit Capacity Building | \$44,859 |
| Non-profit Operating | \$44,859 |

Peer Example

Johnson County selected a sole operator out of the RFP process for 50 low barrier shelter beds.

| Funding Needs | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| ARP Funds | \$3.9M |
| Property Acquisition | \$6M |
| Annual Operations | \$1.7M |



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