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AGENDA REQUEST FORM

FOR: Council Meeting of January 18, 2022

FROM: Council Member D'Andre Jones


ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION TITLE AND SUBJECT:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT OF \$21,442.00 TO PARTIALLY FUND EMERGENCY SHELTERS FOR HOMELESS PERSONS PROVIDED BY 7HILLS HOMELESS CENTER, GENESIS CHURCH, CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND NORTHWEST ARKANSAS CONTINUUM OF CARE WHEN THE SALVATION ARMY SHELTER AND OTHER SHELTERS ARE FULLY OCCUPIED DURING DANGEROUSLY COLD NIGHTS

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

Approved by email (attached)
City Council Member
D'Andre Jones

Jan 10, 2022
Date


City Attorney Kit Williams
Approved as to form

Jan 10, 2022
Date

Williams, Kit

From: D'Andre Jones <dre91732000@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 4:14 PM
To: Williams, Kit
Subject: Re: Winter Weather Shelter Proposal

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Looks good to me.

Best Regards,

D'Andre L. Jones - MSW, MA
Fayetteville City Council
Ward 1 Position 2

"Everybody can be great ... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 3:26 PM Williams, Kit <kwilliams@fayetteville-ar.gov> wrote:

D'Andre,

Attached is the proposed Resolution again as well as the Agenda request form. I have now gotten the budget adjustment which is also attached.

I need to know if these are satisfactory to you so I can begin them in Legistar. Call if you have any questions.

Kit

From: D'Andre Jones <dre91732000@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2022 9:39 PM
To: Williams, Kit <kwilliams@fayetteville-ar.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Winter Weather Shelter Proposal

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, the City of Fayetteville in 2022 will likely see more below 15 degree wind chill nights which could endanger persons who only have tents for housing; and

WHEREAS, a Winter Weather Emergency Shelter Collaborative made up of 7Hills Homeless Shelter, Genesis Church, New Beginnings, Northwest Arkansas Continuum of Care, Salvation Army, Central United Methodist Church and United Way have made tentative plans to assist homeless residents of Fayetteville when it is too cold for them to safely sleep outside; and

WHEREAS, the Collaborative has determined its budget to provide a safe and warm place to sleep during those nights needs \$21,442.00 from the City of Fayetteville for their program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby approves a budget adjustment in the total amount of \$21,442.00 and approves an agreement with 7Hills Homeless Shelter to administer this emergency night time sheltering program for 2022.

PASSED and APPROVED this 18th day of January, 2022.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

By: _____
LIONELD JORDAN, Mayor

By: _____
KARA PAXTON, City Clerk/Treasurer

Williams, Kit

From: D'Andre Jones <dre91732000@gmail.com>
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Attachments: Case for Support 2021-22.pdf

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Hey Kit if possible I would like to walk this on the agenda!!

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From: Solomon Burchfield <solomon@newbeginningsnwa.org>
Date: Thu, Jan 6, 2022 at 3:29 PM
Subject: Winter Weather Shelter Proposal
To: Jones, D'Andre <dandre.jones@fayetteville-ar.gov>

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D'Andre,

Please see attached for the Fayetteville Winter Weather Emergency Shelter Collaborative proposal. 7hills would serve as the fiscal agent for the project and Salvation Army, New Beginnings, Genesis Church (under Central United Methodist Church), the NWA CoC, and the United Way are all partners.

The budget deficit is \$21,442. We are asking the city to fund that deficit so we can deliver emergency services to people who are unsheltered during extreme winter weather this year. FWIW, after the Genesis site was approved Tuesday evening, and seeing the temperature forecast to drop below 15 degrees Wednesday and Thursday night, we set up and operated the winter weather shelter site last night and will again tonight. We want to be able to continue doing this through the winter under those conditions.

Let me know if you need anything further from us to push this forward. I believe Mike at 7hills, Josh at Salvation Army, Pam at the CoC, either Rachel or Jody at Genesis, and myself would be willing to speak on behalf of the proposal at the council. Just let me know once you have the details.

Thanks very much for supporting this life-saving project!

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Solomon Burchfield
New Beginnings NWA

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Best Regards,

D'Andre L. Jones - MSW, MA
Fayetteville City Council

WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCY SHELTER COLLABORATIVE

OBJECTIVE

Severe winter weather can be dangerous and even deadly for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Several community organizations have committed to work together to ensure there is plenty of safe and warm emergency shelter in the event that the wind chill temperatures in our area drop to 15 degrees or lower.

BACKGROUND

Last winter from February 13th through the 20th, Northwest Arkansas experienced a severe winter weather event that saw wind-chill temperatures that dropped below 15 degrees. On February 16th, the low was a blistering -20 degrees. 7hills Homeless Center, New Beginnings, Northwest Arkansas Continuum of Care, and Salvation Army partnered together to provide transportation and hotels to anyone who needed emergency shelter.

NEED

There will be an estimated 100 homeless individuals who will be without emergency shelter in the Fayetteville area. Organizations working with individuals experiencing homelessness can provide clothing and sleep ware suitable for normal winter weather. When wind chill temperatures drop to 15 degrees and below, the winter weather gear and clothing most often used is not suitable. In order to prevent severe illness and death for our neighbors experiencing homeless, we need to have a rapidly deployable emergency overnight shelter.

PLAN

This year, 7hills Homeless Center, Genesis Church, New Beginnings, Northwest Arkansas Continuum of Care, Salvation Army, Central United Methodist Church, and United Way of Northwest Arkansas are teaming up to provide emergency shelter to anyone needing a safe, warm place to stay overnight. For this project, we based our estimated number of days of service on the average daily temperatures for the last two years. We are estimating there will be 21 days of service needed.

Once Salvation Army reaches capacity in their emergency shelter, we will open an additional emergency overnight shelter at Genesis Church on 205 W MLK in Fayetteville. Operating hours will be from 6PM to 6AM. Our guests will sleep on cots with pillows and blankets furnished through this partnership. The partnering agencies will provide staffing along with a security detail provided by Safe Haven Security Group. A boxed dinner will be provided each night by Genesis Church. Transportation will be provided to and from area camps, Salvation Army, and 7hills Day Center.

7hills, Genesis Church, New Beginnings, and Salvation Army will share the responsibility of staffing the shelter on the following schedule:

| Month | Agency |
|----------|-------------------------------|
| January | Genesis Church/New Beginnings |
| February | Salvation Army |

BUDGET

| Expenses | City of Fayetteville | Matching Donations | Total |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Staffing | \$ 4,305 | \$ - | \$ 4,305 |
| Security | \$ 7,050 | \$ - | \$ 7,050 |
| Utility Reimbursement | \$ 1,000 | \$ - | \$ 1,000 |
| Meals | \$ - | \$ 5,250 | \$ 5,250 |
| Cots | \$ 4,504 | \$ - | \$ 4,504 |
| Blankets/Pillows | \$ - | \$ 4,398 | \$ 4,398 |
| Cleaning supplies | \$ 500 | \$ - | \$ 500 |
| Client Outreach | \$ 3,000 | \$ - | \$ 3,000 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 1,083 | \$ - | \$ 1,083 |
| Total | \$ 21,442 | \$ 9,648 | \$ 31,090 |

Staffing: This covers the cost of the staffing provided by the staffing schedule in the "Plan" section.

Security: We will contract with Safe Haven security to provide one security guard from 6PM – 6AM.

Utility Reimbursement: Genesis Church will be reimbursed for utilities being used during plan activation.

Meals: Genesis Church is providing an evening meal.

Cots: These will be purchased and stored onsite.

Blanket/Pillows: Genesis Church will host a drive to collect 100 blankets and pillows.

Cleaning Supplies: These will be used to clean and sanitize the space after each night.

Client Outreach: New Beginnings will contact clients at area camps to notify them of the emergency shelter.

PARTNERS

7hills Homeless Center: Steven Mills, COO, is serving as committee chairperson. 7hills will assume fiduciary responsibility for the program which includes accounting, expense reimbursement to partners, and fundraising. 7hills will also oversee overall coordination and community communications and are one of the agencies providing overnight shelter operations staffing.

Genesis Church: Rachel Kirksey, Community Care Coordinator and Janice Hanna, Church Administrator are serving as committee members. Genesis Church will provide Space at Genesis Church, boxed dinners, travel for guests and pets, coordinate a community pillow and blanket drive.

New Beginnings: Solomon Burchfield, Program Director, is serving as a committee member. New Beginnings is providing Operational staff during the month of January and community outreach and winter weather education to local camps.

Northwest Arkansas Continuum of Care: Pam Hutcheson, Executive Director, is serving as a committee member. The CoC is coordinating the transportation process partnering with Uber.

Salvation Army: Captain Josh Robinette, Area Commander and Kim Koyote, Director of Social Services are serving as committee members. Salvation Army will provide guidance to the team staffing the emergency shelter in January and provide staffing during February.

United Way of Northwest Arkansas: Carlos Garbutt, 211 Community Impact Manager, is serving as a committee member. United Way is providing referral services as well as coordinating transportation with Lyft.

FUNDING

We are asking the City of Fayetteville for \$21,442 to fund this plan. 7hills will administer the grant and reimburse all partners for eligible expenses as outlined in this budget. Should the number of days of service fall below the estimated 15 days, funds will be held by 7hills in a restricted account and rolled over to the next year's Winter Weather Emergency Shelter Collaborative. Should the number of days exceed the estimate, 7hills will work through the Collaborative to secure additional funding from other community partners.