

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		
Non-congregate Shelter	5	
Supportive Services	7	
Total	12	

RFP Recommendations

Hope Faith Homeless Assistance Campus

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

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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