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Council Member Bowman – Enhancement Request



Item #	Meeting #	Area	Description	Requested Amount	Employee Cap Impact	Schedules Impacted
16	7	Sulzbacher Campus	Providing \$200,000 for the Co-location of MHRC Link & Quest program onto the Sulzbacher campus to assist homeless with obtaining housing and mental health services. (\$70,000 for utility cost increases; \$79,040 for JSO on site; and \$50,960 for renovations and supplies)	\$200,000	-	

\$120,000

Description:

Co-location of MHRC Link & Quest program onto the Sulzbacher campus to assist homeless with obtaining housing and mental health services along with shelter, case management, meals, and medical. This would provide the continuum of care needed to address homelessness in Downtown Jacksonville. MRHC would occupy space previously used for women and family clients.

Amount:

\$200,000 (\$70,000 utility costs increase, \$79,040 JSO on site, \$50,960 renovations and supplies)



SULZBACHER
HOUSING HEALTHCARE HOPE

August 23, 2018

City Council President Aaron L. Bowman
City of Jacksonville
Office of the City Council
117 W. Duval Street, Suite 425
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear President Bowman,

The I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Inc. (Sulzbacher), would like to take this opportunity to propose a new and innovative project in the continuum of care to address street homelessness in downtown Jacksonville, Florida.

Sulzbacher has recently relocated its single women and family clients from its main campus at 611 East Adams Street to a new location on Springfield Boulevard. This has opened up a great deal of space on Sulzbacher's downtown campus that will be ideal for an expanded partnership between Sulzbacher and Mental Health Resource Center's (MHRC) Link and Quest program.

Sulzbacher provides an array of services including emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, case management, meals, life skills, employment assistance and career education, primary health care, dental care, mental health care, and substance abuse counseling, all on the Adams Street campus.

The MHRC's Link and Quest Program is designed to assist individuals who are homeless with finding and obtaining housing and Mental Health services. Applicants must be screened through a homeless shelter or the Coordinated Intake Program at MHRC (now located on Washington Street). This program provides a range of services that includes case management, employment referrals, housing referrals, substance abuse referrals, and entitlement application assistance to individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

MHRC serves as the single point of entry into the Homeless Continuum of Care programs (all homeless providers) in Jacksonville. As such, it conducts intakes and assessments on clients, evaluates their needs, and then provides referrals to the provider agency best able to address those needs.

This new collaboration will co-locate the MHRC Link and Quest program onto the Sulzbacher campus. The roughly 6000 square feet of newly opened capacity includes a large 15 stall shower and 10 stall bathroom as well as laundry facilities, a large outdoor deck, a large multi-purpose room and a large area perfect for Link/Quest's 15 person staff. This co-location will enable street homeless clients who are not currently staying at a shelter and /or do not have access to resources during the day an ability not only to be entered into the entire provider system but to be immediately linked to the largest provider of shelter and services in Jacksonville. This will give them access to showers, bathrooms, laundry, a place to receive mail and a safe space to sit/read and wait for appointments-which is not currently available to them during the day (other than the Library). This will also eliminate transportation as a barrier to care for clients and facilitate the delivery of services. Clients would get assessed, referred, and linked to services and also be able to get meals and medical care.

This innovative collaboration would directly address not only the goal of Mayor Lenny Curry's Task Force on Homelessness "to increase entry points into services using existing capacity" but also the new goal in the Jacksonville City Council's 3 year plan "to increase services during the day for the local street homeless population" by co-locating the agency that intakes all clients into the homeless service system with the largest and most comprehensive provider of services for this population.

The Sulzbacher Center is requesting \$200,000 annually for this project. Of this total, \$70,000 would be allocated for increased utility costs, \$79,040 would allocated for a JSO officer on site rotation during the day (\$38/hr. x 40 hours/week x 52 weeks)-while Link/Quest is open. The remaining \$50,960 would be used for minor renovation to the space (entry door modification and signage, walls), as well as program supplies, such as blankets, toiletries, linens, and administrative expenses.

Both Sulzbacher and MHRC are excited about this possible co-location and the increased and critically needed services it would avail especially to our downtown street homeless population. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this proposal and we so appreciate you considering it.

Sincerely,

Cindy Funkhouser
President and CEO

2018-2019 Direct City Grant

Name of Recipient: I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Inc. (Sulzbacher) and Mental Health Resource Center's (MHRC) Link and Quest Program

Funding Amount: \$200,000

(\$70,000 utility costs increase, \$79,040 JSO on site, \$50,960 renovations, administrative costs, and supplies). Receipt of this Direct City Grant will not disqualify the Recipient from eligibility to apply for funding under other City grant programs. Specifically, the provisions of 118.805 to the contrary are waived.

Continuing appropriation: Yes or no

If yes, a waiver of 118.301(a)(5) is required

To be paid in arrears or in advance? In arrears

If in advance a waiver of 118.201(f)(7) is required

Other than any waivers, Parts 1 through 5, Ch. 118, apply

Goal:

On one campus, provide the continuum of care ~~needed in partnership with the Mental Health Resource Center's (MHRC) Link and Quest Program~~ to address homelessness in Downtown Jacksonville

Scope of Project (for what services or an item is the administration allowed to reimburse?):

The continuum of care toward which these funds are to be used includes: emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, case management, meals, life skills, employment assistance and referrals, career education, primary health and dental care, mental health care, substance abuse counseling. This collaboration would enable street homeless clients to access resources during the day and get linked immediately into the homeless services system without the barrier of transportation to other service facilities.

Deliverables (What is required of Recipient to demonstrate successful completion of the project scope and entitlement to a reimbursement?):

The co-location of MHRC's Link and Quest Program at Sulzbacher would increase services using existing capacity that was recently opened at ~~Sulzbacher~~. Sulzbacher. The homeless women and family clients are now located at a new facility in Springfield leaving 6000 square feet of usable space including a large 15 stall shower, 10 stall bathroom, laundry facilities, outdoor deck, multi-purpose room, and office space to house MHRC's Link and Quest Program staff. ~~This collaboration would enable street homeless clients to access resources during the day and get linked immediately into the homeless services system without the barrier of transportation to other service facilities.~~ The administration is authorized to reimburse the Recipient on receipt of evidence that, by way of example and not exclusion, a person received emergency shelter, a person was rehoused, meals were provided, education and training were provided, health care was provided. In addition a narrative report will be submitted with each reimbursement request concerning the numbers of homeless persons assisted and outcomes during the period for which reimbursement is sought demonstrating success of the program in meeting its objectives.