

**STATE HOMELESS COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SHCC)**  
**HOMELESS SHELTER CITIES MITIGATION ACCOUNT**  
**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The State Homeless Coordination Committee convened on November 13, 2019 and approved the following recommendations for Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Account Funding to be considered by the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee.

**SUMMARY:**

Utah Code 35A-8-607 and 35A-8-608 established the guidelines for how funds from the Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation restricted account are to be distributed. In SFY20 \$4,731,320 was awarded to the four applicants that were eligible and applied. In the 2019 Legislative Session, changes were made to state code to expand the list of grant eligible entities. This resulted in two additional applications compared to the previous year. The State Tax Commission estimates \$4,863,168.13 will be available for SFY21. Applications were received from Midvale, South Salt Lake, Salt Lake, Ogden, Vernal, and St. George for these funds. An Allocation Committee was formed to review the proposals with Housing and Community Development.

**1. Municipality Applications**

The two identified eligible municipalities for SFY21 are South Salt Lake and Midvale. Both submitted requested for funding.

**South Salt Lake:**

- Requested amount: \$2,738,000
- Project type: Personnel for public safety services in and around a homeless shelter
- Purpose: Salary, fringe and equipment (including depreciation cost of vehicles) for 12 police officers. Salary, fringe and equipment (including depreciation cost for 1 ambulance) for 12 firefighters/EMT.

**Midvale:**

- Requested amount: \$1,754,572
- Project type: Personnel for public safety services in and around a homeless shelter
- Purpose: Salary, fringe and equipment (including replacement cost of vehicles) for 9 police officers. Also includes portion of regional service costs of Unified Police Department.

**2. Grant Applications**

Four applications were received from eligible cities for funding in SFY21. Two were from existing grantees, two were from newly eligible cities.

**Salt Lake:**

- Requested amount: \$207,565
- Project type: Development of a community and neighborhood program and provision of social services

Purpose: \$146,991 of funding is for community engagement coordinator with Salt Lake City to interact with two new homeless resource centers (HRC). This position will train community partners on resources available to them to assist with any issues created by having HRC in their community.

\$60,574 of funding will be subcontracted with Volunteers of America to provide increased street outreach in the areas surrounding the new HRC's in Salt Lake. It is projected that this will reduce calls for service in those areas by 170 per year.

**Ogden:**

- Requested amount: \$1,533,216.90
- Project type: Personnel for public safety services in and around a homeless shelter

Purpose: Salary, fringe and equipment (including depreciation cost of vehicles) for 10.25 police officers. Salary, fringe and equipment (including depreciation cost for 1 ambulance) for 6 firefighters/EMT.

**St. George:**

- Requested amount: \$325,000
- Project type: Personnel for public safety services in and around a homeless shelter

Purpose: Salary, fringe, overtime and equipment (including depreciation cost of vehicles) for police officers that are working on calls associated with those experiencing homelessness in St. George.

**Vernal:**

- Requested amount: \$114,087
- Project type: Personnel for public safety services in and around a homeless shelter and provision of social services

Purpose: \$65,985 Salary, fringe for police services associated with serving those experiencing homelessness.

\$48,102 for salaries and fringe for case manager working in Turning Point shelter located in Vernal.

**SHCC RECOMMENDATIONS:**

SHCC recommend the following awards contingent upon funding made available by the Utah State Tax Commission:

- South Salt Lake- \$2,111,976
- Midvale- \$1,300,200
- Salt Lake- \$160,100
- Ogden- \$961,576
- St. George- \$243,750
- Vernal- \$85,565

Due to an increase in requests compared to available funds, the SHCC Allocation Committee and HCD examined each application carefully and compared the existing need for resources in each community.

Ogden City operates a shelter comparable to those in Salt Lake City, but have received mitigation funds at a lower rate in the most recent fiscal year. This recommendation reflects a more equitable distribution of the limited funds, while allowing newly eligible cities to access the resources needed to ensure they can continue to operate safe, appropriate homeless shelters.

As mentioned, the amounts given to HCD by the Tax Commission for the Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation municipal entity and grant programs are estimates. All funding amounts are contingent on the final tax revenue collected.

If it is determined that the final amount deposited into the Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation account will be more than the estimates given, HCD requests authority to adjust all contracts associated with the Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation program proportionally.

If less funding is received in the account than estimated, HCD requests authority to adjust all contracts associated with the Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation program proportionally.

HCD requests authority to adjust contract amounts and individual line item expenses on budgets with the agencies as necessary.