

To: Executive Appropriations Committee (EAC)

From: State Office of Homeless Services (OHS) and the Utah Homelessness Council

Re: Proposed Award from the Homeless to Housing Reform Restricted Account

**Background:**

During the 2020 general legislative session, H.B. 440 was passed with intent language for the use of proceeds from the sale of the land located at 210 S. Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City to be deposited into the Homeless to Housing Reform Restricted Account.

“The Legislature intends that an amount equal to the lesser of the appropriation described in Item 1 (\$6,000,000) or the amount of the proceeds from the sale of the land located at 210 South Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City, be used as follows:

- *50% shall be used to assist a nonprofit entity that owns three or more homeless shelters in a county of the first class in paying off a loan taken out by the entity to build a homeless shelter located in a county of the first class as described in Subsection 35A-8-604(10); and*
- *50% may be used to provide funding for the ongoing operations of one or more homeless services resource centers and for overflow costs.”*

**Planning and Proposal:**

The Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness (SLVCEH) is the designated local oversight body and Local Homelessness Council for Salt Lake County.

Over the last year, SLVCEH, with staff involvement from Shelter the Homeless and the Volunteers of America, has been conducting long term planning meetings to identify strategies for addressing unsheltered homelessness during extreme weather months. SLVCEH has identified the need for adding at least 300 overflow beds to the Salt Lake Valley homelessness system. The proposed project with Volunteers of America, in partnership with Shelter the Homeless, will increase overflow capacity with 80-100 beds by the fall/winter of 2022. Additionally, the plan will allow for Volunteers of America to expand detox services which has been identified as a need within the homeless services system.

The Office of Homeless Services is dedicated to supporting local planning efforts and, for this reason, supports the proposal presented by Volunteers of America, Shelter the Homeless and the SLVCEH.

**Utah Homelessness Council Approval:**

On August 25, 2021, the Office of Homeless Services recommended the use of \$3,000,000 from the Homeless to Housing Reform Restricted Account for the purchase of the 252 Brooklyn Avenue Detox Facility and to be used for future day services and overflow needs.

The Utah Homelessness Council had a robust conversation regarding the proposal and ultimately voted in favor of the proposal and recommendation.

On September 7, 2021, Mayor Erin Mendenall submitted a letter to the Utah Homelessness Council withdrawing her support. If the project is not approved through local processes, the Utah Homelessness Council will reconsider the use for another project at their November 17, 2021 meeting.

August 25, 2021 Utah Homelessness Council Representation and Attendance:

Name	UHC Executive Committee (8)	Committee Position	Entity	Statute Representation	August 25, 2021 Attendance
Wayne Niederhauser	X	Member	Utah Homelessness Coordinator	Homelessness Coordinator	Present
Elliot Clark		Counsel	Attorney General	Attorney General	N/A
Whitney Clayton	X	Co-Chair	Public Sector	Representative of the public sector with expertise in homelessness issues, appointed by the legislature	Present
Gail Miller	X	Co-Chair	Private Sector	Representative of the private sector, appointed by the Utah Impact Partnership or the partnership's successor organization;	Present-Seconded motion to approve
Tiffany Price	X	Voting	Private Sector	Representative of the private sector with expertise in homelessness issues, appointed by the governor	Present
Bonnie Kier	X	Voting	Philanthropic Leader	Statewide philanthropic leader, appointed by the governor;	Present
Randy Shumway	X	Voting	Philanthropic Leader	Statewide philanthropic leader, appointed by the Utah Impact Partnership or the partnerships successor organization	Present
Jenny Wilson	X	Voting	Mayor of Salt Lake County	Mayor of Salt Lake County	Designee Present
Cherie Wood	-	Voting	Mayor of South Salt Lake	Mayor of South Salt Lake	Present
Erin Mendenhall	X	Voting	Mayor of Salt Lake City	Mayor of Salt Lake City	Present
Michele Randall	-	Voting	Mayor of St. George	Mayor of St. George	Present
Mike Caldwell	-	Voting	Mayor of Ogden	Mayor of Ogden	Not Present
Robert M. Hale	-	Voting	Mayor of Midvale	Mayor of Midvale	Present
Tracy Gruber	-	Voting	Executive Director, Department of Human Services	Executive Director, Department of Human Services or designee	Designee Present
Sophia Dicaro	-	Voting	Governor Office of Management (Planning) and Budget	Executive Director, Governor's office of Management and Budget or designee	Present-Made motion to approve
Casey Cameron	-	Voting	Executive Director, Department of Workforce Services	Executive Director, Department of Workforce Services or designee	Present
Nate Checketts		Voting	Executive Director, Department of Health or designee	Executive Director, Department of Health or designee	Designee Present
Brian Nielson	-	Voting	Executive Director, Department of Corrections	Executive Director, Department of Corrections or designee	Present
Jake Anderegg	-	Voting	Senate	Member of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate;	Present
Steve Eliason	-	Voting	House of Representatives	Member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives	Present
Sydnee Dickson	-	Voting	Superintendent of Public School designee	State Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee	Present
Pamela Atkinson	-	Voting	Faith-based Leader	Faith-based leader in the state, appointed by the governor;	Present
Kim Dieter	-	Voting	Utah Homeless Network - Private Provider - Uintah Basin AOG	Five local representatives, including at least two private providers of services for people experiencing homelessness, appointed by the Utah Homeless Network;	Present
Peggy Green	-	Voting	Utah Homeless Network - Private Provider	Five local representatives, including at least two private providers of services for people experiencing homelessness, appointed by the Utah Homeless Network;	Present
Rob Wesemann	-	Voting	Utah Homeless Network - SL CoC	Five local representatives, including at least two private providers of services for people experiencing homelessness, appointed by the Utah Homeless Network;	Present
Heather Hogue	-	Voting	Utah Homeless Network - ML CoC	Five local representatives, including at least two private providers of services for people experiencing homelessness, appointed by the Utah Homeless Network;	Present
Stefanie Jones	-	Voting	Utah Homeless Network - BoS CoC	Five local representatives, including at least two private providers of services for people experiencing homelessness, appointed by the Utah Homeless Network;	Present
Brian Higgins	-	Voting	Lived Experience	One individual who has experienced homelessness, appointed by the governor; and the coordinator	Present