

Item Title: Appropriate Raleigh Funds for South Wilmington Street Center

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates \$300,000 from the City of Raleigh to cover costs related to the operation of the South Wilmington Street Center.

Item Summary:

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners is responsible for appropriating all revenues and expenditures for the County's operating budget, including mid-year changes.

Background: The City of Raleigh and Wake County annually enter into a revenue agreement to reimburse costs related to the operation of the South Wilmington Street Center, an emergency shelter for single men experiencing homelessness. In the fiscal year 2025 budget ordinance passed on June 3, 2024, the City allocated \$100,000 for this purpose. The City of Raleigh desires use unspent federal funds to increase the current year's revenue agreement amount by \$300,000, bringing the total to \$400,000 to further support operations at the shelter.

Strategic Plan: This action supports Community Health and Wellbeing Goal 2: By 2029, make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring by reducing the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness by 10% from 2024 levels.

Fiscal Impact: This item appropriates \$300,000 of federal funding, consisting of \$200,000 of American Rescue Plan funds and \$100,000 of Community Development Block Grant funds, from the City of Raleigh for operations costs at South Wilmington Street Center through June 30, 2025. The funds will be budgeted in the Housing Affordability and Community Revitalization Department General Fund budget.

Additional Information:

Since opening in 2001, the South Wilmington Street Center has served as a critical resource, providing overnight shelter for men interested in engaging in services such as case management, budgeting and credit counseling, employment training, mental health or substance use treatment, and referrals to other programs. The facility's goal is to provide safe shelter while supporting residents in creating actionable plans to transition into employment and permanent housing.

Historically, the City of Raleigh has contributed \$100,000 annually toward operational costs, primarily food expenses. The proposed additional \$300,000 will support broader

operational needs, such as services and supplies.

Attachment:

1. Budget Memo – FY 2025 Human Services Function Memo