

Item Title: Accept and Appropriate \$34,191.01 of Emergency Solutions Grant Funds from the City of Raleigh for the South Wilmington Street Center

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates \$34,191.01 in grant funding into the General Fund from the City of Raleigh for the purpose of providing emergency homeless shelter operations at the South Wilmington Street Center.

Item Summary:

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners receives and appropriates all grant funding.

Background: The City of Raleigh is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Emergency Solutions Entitlement Community. The City has awarded Wake County \$34,191.01 in one-time Emergency Solutions Grant funding for the purpose of providing emergency shelter operations at South Wilmington Street Center. This includes additional bus tickets, client assistance, and audio/visual equipment for training.

South Wilmington Street Center offers an array of support services and emergency shelter for men who are experiencing homelessness in Wake County. South Wilmington Street Center is experiencing a sustained demand for services, operating at or over capacity each night most of the year with a fixed bed capacity of 234. When there are extremely cold weather days or other weather-related bad conditions (referred to as White Flag), the cafeteria dining room is converted into additional sleep quarters to house additional guests. Last year South Wilmington Street Center served 2,120 unduplicated men who were experiencing homelessness. This high volume of clientele often presents with complex needs that require individualized services and critical time interventions. Guests receive two meals (dinner and breakfast), hygiene kits, shower and laundry access, as well as outreach and engagement services from staff. Case management staff provide services to all guests who voluntarily opt into services.

Board Goal: This Board action supports routine County business.

Fiscal Impact: The grant requires a \$34,191.01 cash match from County dollars. This action will increase the revenues and expenditures in the Housing Affordability and Community Revitalization within the FY 2020 General Fund budget.

Additional Information:

None.

Attachments:

1. Award Letter
2. Budget Memo