

ORDINANCE NO. 1105-18

Department of Community Development 2018 Homeless Shelter and Services Legislation Executive Summary

- Purpose:** This ordinance authorizes the Director of Community Development to enter into contract with non-profit agencies to provide shelter and related services to the homeless and to enter into contract with Cuyahoga County for the operation of homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing activities.
- Amount and Sources:**
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| \$1,679,682 | Emergency Solutions Grant |
| <u>623,454</u> | CDBG |
| \$2,303,136 | |
- Background:** HUD restructured the Emergency Shelter Grant program as the Emergency Solutions Grant program. In addition to the previously eligible homeless shelter services, a substantial portion of the ESG funds is required by HUD to be used to support homeless prevention and rapid rehousing activities. These are coordinated through the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services.
- Uses of Funds:** Planned uses of funds include:
- Support for operating costs and services at emergency shelters.
 - Operation of the Coordinated Intake System for homeless shelters that can assist persons seeking shelter to identify other housing options whenever possible.
 - Rapid rehousing assistance for families in shelters to assist them in moving out as soon as possible through case management, linkage to mainstream services and benefits, housing placement services and short term rental assistance
- Program Operations:** Non-profit shelter providers are selected through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process carried out in cooperation with the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services.
- The Cleveland/Cuyahoga Office of Homeless Services is the primary administrator for homeless prevention and rapid rehousing activities, with ongoing responsibility for contracting, monthly payments and the extensive HUD data collection and reporting requirements of the program. The City's ESG funds will be supplemented by County and State ESG funds and local County revenues.
- Matching Funds:** The ESG Program requires local matching funds for homeless shelter and services on a \$ for \$ basis. Cuyahoga County has been annually committing over \$4 million in Health and Human Services levy funds for homeless assistance, through the Office of Homeless Services.
- Importance:** Current agency shelter contracts expire by the end of December 2018.