THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: December 14, 2021

Subject: Code Purple Emergency Shelter

Staff Resource(s): Nikki Reid, Community and Economic Development Director
Emily Ball, Homeless Services System Performance Lead

Action Requested: 1) Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Buncombe County to accept funding for Code Purple Emergency Shelter 2) Resolution authorizing a change order in the amount of $80,000 to the agreement with Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry, Inc. and 3) Approval of a budget amendment in the City's Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $80,000 to fund the change order, utilizing $40,000 in funding from Buncombe County and $40,000 from pay-go capital funding previously approved for affordable housing.

Background:

- Code Purple is a longstanding community initiative whereby shelters exceed capacity and flex requirements in order to provide additional emergency shelter to people experiencing homelessness on nights at or below 32 degrees.
- COVID-19 has created operational complications preventing shelters from operating Code Purple in their regular facilities.
- Western Carolina Rescue Ministries and The Salvation Army have agreed to provide Code Purple shelter for women in dedicated spaces onsite at their agencies.
- Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry, Inc. (ABCCM) has agreed to provide Code Purple shelter for men in an alternate location.
- The City has a current contract for $20,000 with ABCCM for that purpose using remaining funds previously authorized for the 2020-2021 Code Purple season.
- The requested action will amend that contract to add $80,000, composed of $40,000 of pay-go funding for affordable housing and $40,000 from Buncombe County for this initiative, for a total contract amount of $100,000.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- City staff have worked with all agencies currently providing shelter in Buncombe County to develop the 2021-2022 Code Purple operational plan.

Council Goal(s):

- Quality affordable housing

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Provides essential emergency shelter to ensure survival for people experiencing homelessness

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- Existing $20,000 agreement is funded by previously authorized funding carried forward from the 2020-2021 Code Purple season.
- Requested action will amend that agreement to add $80,000 composed of revenue from Buncombe County ($40,000) and City pay-go funding for affordable housing ($40,000), for a total contract amount of $100,000.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Buncombe County to accept funding for Code Purple.
- Motion to approve a resolution authorizing a change order in the amount of $80,000 to the agreement with Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry, Inc. for a total contract amount of $100,000.
- Motion to approve a budget amendment in the City's Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $80,000 to fund the change order, utilizing $40,000 in funding from Buncombe County and $40,000 from pay-go capital funding previously approved for affordable housing.

Attachment(s)

- Resolutions
- Budget Ordinance

RESOLUTION NO. 21-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BUNCOMBE COUNTY TO ACCEPT FUNDING FOR CODE PURPLE EMERGENCY SHELTER

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A 17.1 to accept grants from other governments; and

WHEREAS, traditional Code Purple emergency shelter options for men are unavailable due to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has executed an agreement with Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry, Inc. to provide Code Purple emergency shelter for men at an alternate location for the 2021-2022 winter season; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville and Buncombe County mutually agree to share in costs associated with Code Purple emergency shelter for a total amount of $80,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Buncombe County to accept funding for Code Purple emergency shelter in the amount of $40,000.

Read, approved and adopted this the 14th day of December, 2021.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 21-____

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDERS TO THE CITY MANAGER'S EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ASHEVILLE BUNCOMBE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY, INC. TO PROVIDE CODE PURPLE EMERGENCY SHELTER

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-20.1 to contract with and appropriate money to any organization in order to carry out a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, people experiencing homelessness are particularly vulnerable to both COVID-19 complications and exposure to the elements; and

WHEREAS, traditional Code Purple emergency shelter options for men are unavailable due to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has executed an agreement with Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry, Inc. to provide Code Purple emergency shelter for men at an alternate location for the 2021-2022 winter season in the amount of $20,000 and wishes to amend the contract to $100,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute change orders to an agreement with Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry, Inc. to provide Code Purple emergency shelter.

Read, approved and adopted this the 14th day of December, 2021.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

That Section 2 of the City of Asheville Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Ordinance be amended to provide an appropriation of $80,000 as follows:

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Revenues:

Buncombe County	$40,000
Transfer from General Capital Fund	$40,000
Total Revenues	$80,000

Appropriations:

Contract - Code Purple	$80,000

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon the date of final passage.

Read, approved and adopted this 14th day of December, 2021.

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City Clerk Mayor

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City Attorney