

## Request for Legislative Action

Ord. #5567

Sponsor: Dan Tarwater III

Date: November 16, 2021

### Completed by County Counselor's Office

Action Requested:	Ordinance	Res.Ord No.:	5567
Sponsor(s):	Daniel T. Tarwater III	Legislature Meeting Date:	11/16/2021

### Introduction

**Action Items:** ['Authorize', 'Appropriate']

**Project/Title:**

An Ordinance appropriating \$20,000 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 Homeless Assistance Fund, and authorizing the County Executive to execute a cooperative agreement with the Westside CAN to provide emergency cold weather assistance to homeless persons, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$20,000

### Request Summary

This request will require a fiscal note and public hearing.

Request for legislative action to appropriate from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the 2021 Homeless Assistance Fund and to authorize the County Executive to execute a cooperative agreement with Westside CAN to provide emergency cold weather assistance to homeless persons.

The Housing Resources Commission Board met November 4, 2021 and authorized an Emergency Cold Weather Funding Request from Westside CAN (attached). This one-time request will be used to purchase socks, gloves, hats coveralls and winter boots to distribute to homeless camps. Funding will be provided to Westside CAN on a reimbursement basis after appropriate receipts and documentation are provided.

### Contact Information

<b>Department:</b>	Housing Resource Commission	<b>Submitted Date:</b>	11/9/2021
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<b>Title:</b>	Director	<b>Phone:</b>	816-881-1409

### Budget Information

Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:	\$20,000
Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:	\$461,736
Total amount authorized after this legislative action:	\$481,736
Is it transferring fund?	Yes
<b>Transferring Fund From:</b>	

## Request for Legislative Action

Fund:	Department:	Line Item Account:	Amount:
043 (Homeless Assistance Fund)	9999 (*)	32810 (Undesignated Fund Balance)	\$20,000
<b>Transferring Fund To:</b>			
Fund:	Department:	Line Item Account:	Amount:
043 (Homeless Assistance Fund)	7001 (Housing Resource Commission)	56789 (Outside Agency Funding)	\$20,000

<b>Prior Legislation</b>	
<b>Prior Ordinances</b>	
Ordinance:	Ordinance date:
5510	May 17, 2021
<b>Prior Resolution</b>	
Resolution:	Resolution date:

<b>Purchasing</b>	
Does this RLA include the purchase or lease of supplies, materials, equipment or services?	No
Chapter 10 Justification:	
Core 4 Tax Clearance Completed:	
Certificate of Foreign Corporation Received:	
Have all required attachments been included in this RLA?	

<b>Compliance</b>	
<b>Certificate of Compliance</b>	
In Compliance	
<b>Minority, Women and Veteran Owned Business Program</b>	
Goals Not Applicable for following reason: Less than \$50000	
MBE:	.00%
WBE:	.00%
VBE:	.00%
<b>Prevailing Wage</b>	
Not Applicable	

<b>Fiscal Information</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funds sufficient for this appropriation and/or transfer are available from the source indicated on the budget information tab.</li> </ul>	

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### History

James D. Tindall at 11/9/2021 11:32:47 AM - [Submitted | Since this Ordinance is for emergency funding for the homeless, we ask for assistance from all to get this on the Legislative Agenda for Tuesday, November 16th.]

Department Director: Mary Jo Spino at 11/9/2021 11:47:20 AM - [ Approved | ]

Finance (Purchasing): Barbara J. Casamento at 11/9/2021 1:03:15 PM - [ Not applicable | ]

Compliance: Katie M. Bartle at 11/9/2021 3:26:53 PM - [ Returned for more information | Returned by request of Clerk's Office. ]

Submitter: James D. Tindall at 11/9/2021 3:42:47 PM - [ Submitted | We noticed an error on the budget page and went in and updated to the correct numbers. ]

Department Director: Dawn C. Hickman at 11/9/2021 3:54:20 PM - [ Approved | ]

Finance (Purchasing): Barbara J. Casamento at 11/9/2021 4:22:31 PM - [ Not applicable | ]

Compliance: Katie M. Bartle at 11/10/2021 10:48:46 AM - [ Approved | eRLA 306 ]

Finance (Budget): Mark Lang at 11/11/2021 10:18:58 PM - [ Approved | The fiscal note has been attached. ]

Executive: Sylvya Stevenson at 11/12/2021 10:41:57 AM - [ Approved | ]

Legal: Elizabeth Freeland at 11/12/2021 12:27:50 PM - [ Approved | ]

## Supplemental Appropriation Request Jackson County, Missouri

Funds sufficient for this appropriation are available from the source indicated below.

Date: November 11, 2021

Ord # 5567  
eRLA ID #: 306

Org Code/Description	Object Code/Description	From	To
<b>043 Homeless Assistance Fund</b>			
9999 -	32810 Undesignated Fund Balance	\$ 20,000	\$ -
7001 Housing Resource Commission	56789 Outside Agency Funding	-	20,000
		<u>\$ 20,000</u>	<u>\$ 20,000</u>

**APPROVED**  
By Mark Lang at 10:15 pm, Nov 11, 2021

Budget Office

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## Emergency Cold Weather Funding Request

### Housing Resources Commission

11/4/2021

Among hundreds of houseless campsites, there are 7-8 in the downtown northeast and Westside neighborhoods that are currently being serviced by two volunteer organizations. There is approximately 300 individuals that frequent these larger camps.

Many of these residents are shelter averse for a variety of reasons. Mental health, substance abuse, prior history of rule violations, or just oppositional behavior leaves many Jackson County residents on the streets during extreme weather. The LGBTQ and Trans population have reported anecdotally that shelters can be problematic.

Belvidere Park at the NW corner of Paseo and Independence Avenue is the largest with 50 people and continues to spread south with another encampment of approximately 30 people on the next two blocks south on Paseo across from Aldis.

There is another large camp on Armour at Hope Faith of about 50, then another at 10<sup>th</sup> & Harrison of over 30 people.

A group of neighborhood volunteers have been assisting by sourcing and distributing food, water, blankets, hygiene items for the last several months. Many times these volunteers have paid for items themselves.

The Westside has three large camps, which are mostly hidden in forested areas. The camp off of Cesar Chavez has approximately 60 people, 2030 Jefferson under the I-35 overpass has 25-30 people, and the camp at 17<sup>th</sup> & Washington has over 30 people.

Our immediate concern is that freezing temperatures have begun this week, but the city ordinance to address these issues just got voted out of committee on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is expected to pass in full council session on November 4<sup>th</sup>, but time to implement, source and purchase items could take several weeks.

We are seeking a one-time request of \$20,000.00 to purchase socks, gloves, hats, coveralls and winter boots to distribute in these camps. We would also provide blankets, hand warmers and a limited number of tents (to replace damaged or stolen tents as needed).

The Westside CAN Center, a current Outside Agency has the ability and willingness to administer a quick-turn around project like this, we have similar programs already in place for food distribution and COVID relief.

For approximately \$60.00 per person, a life could be saved, not to mention several fingers and toes, by just providing a few basic items to a population that is resistant or unable to utilize local shelters.