

ITEM #: 11
 DATE: 05-23-23
 DEPT: CMO

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO MODIFY FY 2022/23 ASSET ALLOCATION TO THE BRIDGE HOME

BACKGROUND:

The Bridge Home has submitted a request (Attachment A) to the City to modify its FY 2022/23 ASSET allocation. The request is to transfer \$7,616 from Emergency Assistance for Basic Material Needs (rent/utility assistance) to Emergency Shelter services.

The original funding allocation for Emergency Shelter services was \$92,927 and these funds were exhausted in February. On April 11, 2023, the Council approved an additional \$3,477 for Emergency Shelter and approximately 85%, or \$2,995, of those funds has been expended.

The revised allocations appear in the table below.

Service	Original Allocation	Change	Revised Allocation
Emergency Assistance for Basic Material Needs (rent/utilities)	\$ 19,172	- \$ 7,616	\$ 11,556
Emergency Shelter	96,404 <i>(incl. amount approved by Council on 4/11/23)</i>	+ 7,616	104,020
TOTAL	\$ 115,576	\$ 0	\$ 115,576

If the request to reallocate funds to Emergency Shelter services is approved, the unit rates of both services will remain unchanged. The number of units purchased will increase for Emergency Shelter services while a reduced number of units of service will occur under Emergency Assistance for Basic Needs.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the request to modify the City’s FY 2022/23 ASSET contract with The Bridge Home by reallocating \$7,616 from Emergency Assistance for Basic Needs (rent/utilities) to Emergency Shelter services for the months of May – June 2023. Funds shall be used to cover additional hotel rooms when the current shelter beds and two hotel rooms are at capacity.
2. Do not approve the request.

CITY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

There is a continued need for Emergency Shelter services. The Bridge Home has secured rental assistance funds through another source, resulting in unspent funds in the City’s allocation for Emergency Assistance for Basic Needs. The reallocation of these unspent funds towards Emergency Shelter services for the remainder of FY 2022/23 reflects the Council’s ASSET priority of meeting basic needs through shelter services. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.

Schildroth, Deb

From: Linda Munden <linda@thebridgehome.org>
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2023 4:52 PM
To: Schildroth, Deb
Subject: Request for FY23 ASSET Budget Revision

[External Email]

Dear Deb:

The Bridge Home requests to move the remaining \$7,616.31 in City of Ames ASSET Rapid Rehousing funds into Emergency Shelter.

TBH has been fortunate in procuring Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA2) Rapid Rehousing funding from the U.S. Treasury this past year, which allows us at this time to make this request without risking the housing stability or services of those households currently in the Rapid Rehousing program.

We appreciate that the City of Ames allocated \$3,477 in additional motel room funding this fiscal year. In April, we were fortunate to be able to provide additional motel rooms when the congregate shelter was full, and we already had two motel rooms used for sheltering. The Bridge Home filed an April draw for \$2,994.62 leaving a balance of \$482.38. Story County also committed supplemental funds for both congregate and motel sheltering needs, and after April we have less than \$2,000 remaining in those funds. As both City and County funds will soon be depleted, transferring these remaining funds would greatly help our emergency shelter maintain services through May and June.

During the month of April, The Bridge Home provided 319 shelter bed nights for Ames residents. \$7,616.31 will provide, at the ASSET rate of \$54.53 per night, approximately 140 nights of shelter.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

Linda Munden



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