



Legislation Text

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Item:

Approval of Contract with Urban Ministries of Durham

Date Of BOCC Meeting: June 25, 2018

Request For Board Action:

The Board is requested to approve the attached contract with Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD) and authorize the County Manager to execute it.

Durham County has contracted with UMD for a broad spectrum of emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, case management and other, related homeless services for many years. The County still owns the building that houses the shelter (St. Phillips Church owns the portion of UMD that houses the café and other functions) and remains responsible for systems maintenance in the shelter building (including the installation of a new sprinkler system several years ago).

UMD welcomes and assists over 6,000 individuals a year who come seeking food, shelter, clothing and supportive services through three main programs:

- The Community Shelter <<http://www.umdurham.org/what-we-do/shelter.html>> for men, women, and families who need a safe emergency place to sleep. UMD offers case management to all shelter clients through our Journey Programs.
- The Community Café <<http://www.umdurham.org/what-we-do/cafe.html>> serves three meals a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year to shelter guests and anyone who is hungry.
- The Food Pantry and Clothing Closet <<http://www.umdurham.org/what-we-do/food-pantry.html>> distribute groceries and clothing to very poor and homeless neighbors.

The County has made significant new investments in security at UMD over the past several years. Additional funds were requested this year for even more security as well, funds which are not included in the recommended budget. A 5 percent increase for general shelter support (\$10,733) was also requested and included by the County Manager in the recommended budget. The new annual contract total is \$321,863.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: A strong continuum of homeless prevention services supports Goal 1 Community Empowerment and Enrichment, and Goal 2 Health And Well-being for all of the Durham County Strategic Plan.

Resource Persons: Drew Cummings, Chief of Staff

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the attached contract with Urban Ministries of Durham and authorize the County Manager to execute it.

County Manager: _____