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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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APPROPRIATION

TO: City Council Committee

FROM: Karin Carroll, HHS Director

DATE: 10/3/2025

RE: Request for Appropriating \$147,724.07 for the 2026 Winter Warming Center

The Department of Health and Human Services requests your approval to appropriate \$147,724.07 from COVID-19 (Fund# 7138) Stabilization Fund for the operational cost of the 2026 Warming Center.

Funds are being allocated for 2026 Warming Center, as is appropriate based on the following:

- The total cost of running the city's Warming Center is \$571,773.68 which is an increase from last year due to the additional beds needed as well as increases in operational costs including inflation, external contracting needs, and personnel.
- HHS plans to use \$424,049.61 of state grant funds to cover the operational costs of the Warming Center for 14 weeks from January 4, 2026- April 12, 2026.
- HHS is requesting this council to approve the first five weeks, December 1, 2025 - January 4, 2026, of operational costs plus the cost of the external security firm hired by the city for a total amount of \$147,724.07.

Funds need to be allocated by October 25, 2025 to meet the starting deadline of December 1st, 2025.

Please let the IGA team know if there are any further questions on any of the above information.

