

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO MODIFY FY 2021/22 ASSET ALLOCATION TO THE BRIDGE HOME

BACKGROUND:

The Bridge Home (TBH) has submitted a request to the City (Attachment A) to modify its FY 2021/22 ASSET allocation by transferring \$12,393 from Emergency Shelter services and \$2,088 from Rapid Re-housing/Service Coordination services to Transitional Living for a total of \$14,481. **The Transitional Living service has seen a rise in program participation this fiscal year increasing from 4-6 program participants to 11. TBH exhausted its City allocation of funds for Transitional Living in October and the reallocation of \$14,481 will assist in covering June Transitional Living services.**

The revised allocations appear in the table below.

Service	Original Allocation	Change	Revised Allocation
Emergency Shelter	\$88,054	- \$12,393	\$75,661
RRH/Service Coord.	\$4,582	- 2,088	2,494
Transitional Living	35,231*	+ 14,481	49,712
TOTAL	\$127,867	\$0	\$127,867

*\$35,231 includes the FY 2020/21 carryover in the amount of \$17,051

If the request to reallocate funds to the Transitional Living service is approved, the unit rates of all three programs will remain unchanged. The number of units purchased will increase for Transitional Living and a reduction will occur for Emergency Shelter and Rapid Re-housing/Service Coordination. **TBH has funds from other sources to continue providing Emergency Shelter and Rapid Re-Housing/Service Coordination services for the remainder of FY 2021/22.**

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the request to modify the City's FY 2021/22 ASSET contract with TBH by reallocating \$12,393 from Emergency Shelter and \$2,088 from Rapid Rehousing/Service Coordination for a total reallocation of \$14,481.
2. Do not approve the request.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The reallocation of City funds will provide support for this continued housing need in the community. TBH has indicated that they plan to apply for Continuum of Care funds available through HUD for these housing services next fiscal year.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the request to modify the City's FY 2021/22 ASSET contract with TBH to reallocate \$12,393 from Emergency Shelter and \$2,088 from Rapid Rehousing/Service Coordination for a total reallocation of \$14,481.

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The Bridge Home requests to move City of Ames ASSET funds from Rapid Rehousing and Emergency Shelter into Transitional Housing, leaving a remainder of \$1,500 in the Emergency Shelter budget and adding \$14,391.24 into Transitional Housing.

While TBH ran out of City ASSET funding for TH in October, we have continued to operate the program fully and have not decreased the number of households served. We currently have enough funds in our UWSC and County Emergency Shelter budgets to cover June Emergency Shelter bed nights when combined with the \$1,500 City ASSET funds. These funds will provide 388 bed nights at our ASSET reimbursement rate of \$39.28.

Our TH numbers have been higher and we have served more households than the 4-6 in the past. As ASSET and private donors are our sole source of funding for this program - we receive no federal funding at this time for TH, funding was depleted early despite being able to roll-over last year's budget balance. Households in TH are those for whom homelessness to housing quickly, either on their own or through a program such as our rapid rehousing, isn't possible due to the number of barriers with which they present. TH provides more frequent and intensive case management for those who have experienced several of the following: chronic homelessness, disabilities, mental health issues, substance use problems, legal issues, evictions, etc.

Allowing TBH to utilize the balance of funds remaining in the other program areas would assist us in funding our June TH program.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

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