

Hi Wayman,

It was good to "see you" yesterday:). I wanted to send a few notes on the funding conversation included in our presentation to ensure that family shelter stays online for families. Per our conversation, I will also be reaching out to Lou and Steve to talk about this.

It is our understanding that;

- FEMA B dollars CAN be used for those who are high risk and not just covid +. It is to provide "isolation" for those who are sick or need to be isolated to prevent contracting the virus.
- CDBG funds CAN be used as the 25% match funds for FEMA B dollars but no other federal funds can.
- FEMA B funds only continue until the Federal Declaration continues. Once that ends, the FEMA dollars end as well. *That would mean that if the FEMA dollars end before the end of the year then FEMA **would not** cover a full 45% of the hotel costs through Dec. It will only cover 45% of our population until the federal emergency declaration ends.* \$250,000 already spent on shelter through end of May. Some of those dollars could be recaptured and pushed forward towards the future need if we can get FEMA to pay reimbursement on these shelter costs. (45% of the stays we have already paid for are COVID high risk).
- Treasury dollars or ESG will be needed to cover the non-high-risk families ("healthy" homeless).
- *FEMA B dollars can cover Fulton Manor isolation instead of using City ESG dollars for this. It would allow for the ESG dollars to be used for prevention and ReHousing. Private NPO partners who are providing staffing and other resources at that location could help cover the 25% matching for FEMA on the project.*
- FEMA B can not be used for housing for non-high risk so ESG dollars are better spent here. (If we could use FEMA B and Treasury for hotel non-congregant shelter then we could use all of the ESG from city, county and MSHDA (total \$2.2 million) towards the \$3.5 million projected need for prevention and rehousing, which FEMA dollars don't cover.

Also, related to Mandy's questions:

1) "COVID necessary" only focuses on costs related to mitigating and treating COVID. The "number of homeless" prior to COVID vs. now is not part of the COVID cost consideration. It is about expenses incurred *because* of COVID Mitigation strategies that had to be deployed. The hotel costs are directly related to the COVID Mitigation strategy of non-congregate deintensification recommendations by the CDC for homeless shelters. If

there wasn't COVID, we wouldn't have the cost of the hotels. We would be using our churches and Mel Trotter. This is about as straight forward as you get, which is why so many municipalities are using this safe strategy.

2) Legal liability questions. Obviously the county will have to determine their own perspective on this. Being the funder of this non-congregant shelter is no different than Fulton Manor Isolation, Guiding Light, etc. It is just for *families* who are at high risk vs. singles. You are already incurring this risk. The State of Michigan does year-round funding of hotel shelter through ESP.

I hope this helps shed some light on our presentation and answer some of the questions raised during the presentation. Thanks again for your efforts to make sure families have a safe place to go during this crisis.

Best,
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