

Dear Colleagues,

As you are aware, existing municipal funding allocated to Ark Aid, a critical facility providing shelter and support to our homeless population, is set to expire imminently.

Recognizing the urgency of this situation, we ask City Council take immediate action to extend one-time funding in the amount of \$687,000 to Ark Aid for an additional 61 days (the end of July). This extension is crucial to provide stability and continuity of services while we work collaboratively to find long-term solutions.

We are also seeking your support to have staff engage with Ark Aid to review its most recent unsolicited funding proposal. It is imperative that this proposal is thoroughly assessed to ensure it is right-sized, refined, and aligned with our broader homelessness strategy.

By working closely with the proponents, we can ensure that the funding allocated is utilized effectively to maximize its impact on our community's most pressing needs.

Sincerely

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Josh Morgan
Mayor

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Shawn Lewis
Deputy Mayor