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Dear Colleagues,

Given the federal government's announcement on April 1, 2026, that \$125 million will be released in continued funding through the Unsheltered Homelessness and Encampments Initiative (UHEI), we can anticipate that the City of London will receive an allocation.

I am seeking your support to provide direction to City staff to provide a portion of the funding requested for April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027, to previous UHEI recipients of the 519Pursuit Umbrella Relief Program Inc. and Ark Aid Mission. As outlined in the press release, the funding will be used to address short-term work while we continue our shared goal of reducing homelessness in our community. The funding supports:

- Transitional and supportive housing
- Shelter transformation initiatives
- Case management and support services, including the requirement that all funded organizations be trained in and actively utilize HIFIS

Accordingly, I intend to move an amendment to include interim support for both 519Pursuit (at an upward limit of \$25,000 a month) and Ark Aid Mission Services (at an upward limit of \$60,000 a month) until such time as UHEI funding or other funding from the Provincial, or Federal, government is realized. Ark Aid has indicated they would utilize the continued service to provide four hours per day, seven days per week, of daytime drop-in services at their location.

With respect to 519Pursuit, efforts are being made to partner with groups to provide food; and this is why I am putting forward Option 3. This also takes into account, the recent reduction in encampment numbers alongside the opening of the Micro-Modular Shelter spaces.

The funding provided, as noted in the report, would be for an "up to limit" of \$350,000 and would be a drawdown from the social service reserve fund. It is my expectation that any UHEI, or other dollars ultimately received by the City, would be retroactively applied and used to reimburse the City for expenditures incurred during the period outlined above. I understand that at the time of this letter, funding is not 100% guaranteed and an application process might be necessary. Considering the need in the community and the balance of the reserve fund, I do believe that this is a necessary expenditure that can be justified from a fund intended to address the need and uncontrollable costs.

I look forward to further discussion as we work together to ensure a coordinated, compassionate, and effective response to unsheltered homelessness in our community.

Sincerely,

Corrine Rahman  
Councillor, Ward 7

Josh Morgan  
Mayor