

1 CITY OF SPOKANE ETHICS COMMISSION

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3 THOMAS BASSLER,

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5 Complainant,

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9 BREEAN BEGGS,

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11 Respondent

EC-22-01

DECLARATION OF BEN

STUCKART IN SUPPORT OF

RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO

DISMISS

12 I am over the age of eighteen and make this declaration based on my personal knowledge
13 and under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington.

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- 15 1. Throughout the month of April of 2022, I served in a voluntary capacity as the Chair of the
 - 16 Continuum of Care Board in Spokane County, also known as "The CoC."
 - 17 2. In that capacity I was aware of and attended meetings in April of 2022 related to the City of
 - 18 Spokane's request for proposals for an operator for its proposed Trent Shelter.
 - 19 3. Because no federal funds were involved in the operator proposal, there was no formal legal
 - 20 role for the CoC, but we did agree to use our RFP Committee evaluation process for the
 - 21 three proposals submitted.
 - 22 4. I recall that the CoC RFP Committee eliminated one of the three proposals as non-
 - 23 responsive and then completed its scoring of the other two proposals by end of the day on
 - 24 Tuesday, April 12th.
 - 25 5. On April 13th the CoC executive committee discussed the ratings of the two proposals by the
 - 26 RFP Committee and voted not to recommend advancing either of them to the City Council
 - 27 for approval.
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4 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

5 I hereby certify that on this date, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the
6 preceding document to the following person of record by method specified below:
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8 Thomas Basseler
9 tom@gvdcommercial.com

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11 DATED August 17, 2022

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EXHIBIT A

Breean Beggs

From: Beggs, Breean <bbeggs@spokanecity.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 4:07 PM
To: Breean Beggs
Subject: [External] Fw: CoC Follow up - Board action needed
Attachments: RFP2022 - Hope Village - Budget (1).xlsx; 2022-2026 The Way In Phase One Shelter RFP Budget (with edits).xlsx; RFP2022 - Hope Village - JHH Submission.pdf; Budget Narrative 3.21.22.pdf; Management Proposal.pdf; LETTER OF SUBMITTAL-2022 RFP.pdf; The Guardians Foundation - 2022 Surge Shelter Budget Workbook.xlsx; The Guardians Foundation Surge Shelter RFP.pdf

From: Beggs, Breean <bbeggs@spokanecity.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 12:09 PM
To: Faggiano, Sam <sfaggiano@spokanecity.org>
Cc: Tom Bassler <tom@gvdcommercial.com>; Koegler, Shelly <skoegler@spokanecity.org>
Subject: Fw: CoC Follow up - Board action needed

From: Ben Stuckart <benstuckart@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 8:12 AM
To: Ben Stuckart <benstuckart@gmail.com>
Subject: CoC Follow up - Board action needed

[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]
Hello CoC Board Members (other included as well)

1) The vote to approve an operator for the shelter on Friday failed. We had 17 board members present. As far as I counted we had 8 yes votes, 6 abstentions and 3 no votes. A yes vote would have required 12 yes votes. Attached are the RFP's. I am setting 2 hours on Wednesday from 11am-1pm to discuss if we can come up with an alternative we can all support. **ZOOM LINK for a 2 hour meeting Wednesday April 18 11am-1pm (I will send a calendar invite this morning as well)**
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82592447035>

Please don't send this to the media, I received a call at 5:30pm Friday from the Spokesman. Right now, media attention as we try and work this out and have no united messaging is very messy and could result in unintended consequences.....

Try to come to the meeting Wednesday with ideas, developed alternatives.....if you cannot make it Wednesday feel free to email me your thoughts.

2) Vote needed by 5pm today - please respond YES. Moving money
As part of the reallocation process approved by the CoC Board in September 2021, the Board reviews budget reallocations on a quarterly basis if needed.

HUD looks at Budget Line Items (BLI) for budgeting purposes within a Unified Funding Agency (UFA). All of the budgets of all of the projects are rolled up into a single budget of HUD BLIs that the UFA contracts with HUD to spend. This

means that budget amendments occur based on changes between BLIs versus changes to the overall individual project budget. Each individual project's budget is made up of multiple BLIs.

Some projects will receive budget amendments because they moved money from one BLI to another BLI within their own project. For example, in the budget below, money was moved out of the BLI Leasing in a couple of the projects but moved into the same project's BLI Supportive Services to cover additional costs of case management. While the projects may not have experienced a net budget change, the UFA's budget did change.

If any one BLI within the UFA changes more than 10% of its total, then the UFA must request a contract amendment with HUD. This is why budget revisions take place as a package versus one-at-a-time. We have to monitor that percentage shift to ensure that the UFA is in compliance. We also want to avoid contract amendments with HUD if at all possible because when we amend our UFA/HUD contract the changes carry forward to the next NOFO competition.

What I am asking you to review below, is the actual budget that we contract with HUD to spend, and the changes that providers have requested. The highlighted BLIs are the areas where changes have been requested. Please note that no shift in any BLI exceeds 10%.

I want to stress that our CoC Service Providers have done tremendous work in identifying needs for additional funding, and in identifying funding that will go unused if not reallocated. We had several providers who graciously agreed to accept additional funds. This means that they accepted the responsibility of spending those funds by the end of the grant cycle, and coming up with the required match for those funds. It's very important that we give these providers as much time as possible to spend those additional funds. Thus, the reason we have requested your email vote to approve the budget revisions below.

FY2020 Spokane Regional UFA/CoC OPR 2021-0461				
BLI	Original Budget	\$ Changes	Amended Budget	Percentage Shift
Leasing	564,887.00	-42,716.91	522,170.09	1.11
Rental Assistance	1,212,924.00	-254,630.00	958,294.00	6.62
Supportive Services	1,491,003.00	261,141.51	1,752,144.51	6.79
Operating Costs	226,513.00	36,205.40	262,718.40	0.94
Administrative Costs (Provider/City Combined)	260,258.00	0.00	260,258.00	0.00
HMIS	172,125.00	0.00	172,125.00	0.00
Continuum of Care Planning Activities	110,494.00	0.00	110,494.00	0.00
UFA Costs	110,494.00	0.00	110,494.00	0.00
	4,148,698.00		4,148,698.00	

Thanks
Ben Stuckart
Chair CoC