

Government Operations Committee
Monday, December 15, 2014
(Immediately Following the Finance Committee Meeting)
City Council Chambers

AGENDA

- 1. Resolve, Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate \$32,770 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the period 12-31-14 to 12-30-15 Shelter Plus Care Rental Assistance – Penquis Housing.**

Please see attached Council Action Page and Resolve.

- 2. Resolve, Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate \$118,495 in McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the period 12-1-14 to 11-30-15 – Shelter Plus Care, Rental Assistance Penobscot County.**

Please see attached Council Action Page and Resolve.

- 3. Authorizing the Bangor Fire Department to Apply for funding in the amount of \$23,209.90 from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation to purchase Washer/Extractor and Dryer for Turnout Gear cleaning.**

Please see attached memorandum from the Fire Department and King Foundation grant guidelines.

- 4. Continued discussion and review – Potential Naming Opportunity for Bangor Police Station.**

Chief Mark Hathaway will have information to share with the Committee.

COUNCIL ACTION

Item No.

Date: December 22, 2014

Item/Subject: **Resolve**, Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate \$32,770 in McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the period 12/31/2014 to 12/30/2015.

Responsible Department: **Health and Community Services**

Commentary: This resolve will authorize the City Manager to accept and appropriate a one year grant from HUD in the amount of \$32,770 to continue to provide Shelter Plus Care Rental Assistance for three families to live in apartments owned by Penquis Housing. Shelter Plus Care promotes housing stability by paying rent for homeless individuals and families. Each recipient is expected to have a case manager to assist him/her with life skills such as healthy living, financial literacy and employment. This is a five year grant, renewable each year. These funds were granted through the 2013 Maine Continuum of Care planning and selective competition process. It should be noted that this project received the highest score in the State of Maine using the criteria of housing stability and compliance with HUD requirements.

Department Head

Manager's Comments:

City Manager

Associated Information: **Resolve**

Budget Approval:

Finance Director

Legal Approval:

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By the City Council of the City of Bangor:

RESOLVED, THAT the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate a \$32,770 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in support of the Shelter Plus Care program.

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Commentary: This Resolve will authorize the manager to accept and appropriate a one year grant from HUD in the amount of \$118,495 to provide Shelter Plus Care Rental Assistance for qualified individuals and families to live in any community in Penobscot County. Shelter Plus Care promotes housing stability by paying rent for homeless individuals and families. Each recipient is strongly encouraged and expected to have a case manager to assist him/her with life skills such as healthy living, financial literacy and employment. This is a five year grant, renewable each year. These funds were granted through the 2013 Maine Continuum of Care planning and selective competition process.

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By the City Council of the City of Bangor:

RESOLVED, THAT the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate a \$118,495 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in support of the Shelter Plus Care program.

The Bangor Fire Department is seeking funds to purchase a Turnout Gear Washer/Extractor and Dryer. We are requesting \$23,209.90 to purchase and install this washer and dryer to increase our efficiency and to provide a safer working environment for our firefighters and citizens. Due to severe budget restraints, without outside funding for this project, we are unable to purchase this important piece of safety equipment for our firefighters and EMS personnel as they provide services to the citizens of Bangor and surrounding communities. On average we respond to over 9,000 calls for service. These calls include many hazardous situations including fires, fuel spills, motor vehicle accidents, hazardous materials response, emergency medical calls, and many more. This grant money will help ensure we have gear that is clean, safe to wear, and ready to respond at any moment increasing the safety of our firefighters and our citizens. Having dirty or contaminated gear causes many safety issues. While on the job, we come in contact with carcinogenic materials, toxins and communicable disease found in blood or other body fluids. These hazards can then be carried away to potentially cause harm later by ingestion, inhalation or absorption from touch. The firefighter, or anyone else who has contact with the turnout gear, is then at risk. This is a huge safety concern not only for us, but for the citizens we protect.

As a group, firefighters have rates of cancer that are twice as high as most people in the United States. In a white paper issued last year, the Firefighter Cancer Support Network listed several cancers with higher rates among firefighters:

- Testicular cancer (2.02 times greater risk)
- Multiple myeloma (1.53 times greater risk)
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (1.51 times greater risk)
- Skin cancer (1.39 times greater risk)
- Prostate cancer (1.28 times greater risk)
- Malignant melanoma (1.31 times greater risk)
- Brain cancer (1.31 times greater risk)
- Colon cancer (1.21 times greater risk)
- Leukemia (1.14 times greater risk)

- See more at: <http://dianeatwood.com/catchinghealth/cancer-risks-for-firefighters-more-than-you-may-realize/#sthash.6HKZAQNX.dpuf>

In a three-year study completed in 2005 by the University of Cincinnati, researchers concluded that firefighters face a:

- 102% greater chance of contracting testicular cancer than any other type of worker;
- 53% greater chance of multiple myeloma;
- 51% greater chance of non-Hodgkin lymphoma;

- 39% greater chance of skin cancer;
- 32% greater chance of brain cancer;
- 28% greater chance of prostate cancer;
- 22% greater chance of stomach cancer; and
- a 21% greater chance of colon cancer.

In addition to the cancer risk, dirty gear also poses other safety risks. Dirty gear limits its ability to protect the wearer. Soot and other products of combustion leave various material deposits on and in the fibers of the protective gear and causes the surface of the protective gear to be less heat reflective. Not only is the turnout gear likely to catch fire itself, but dirty gear is also harder to be seen by others on the scene. Perhaps less obvious, carbon based soot increases conductivity raising the potential for electrical shock when coming in contact with live wires such as in structures or vehicles.

Over the long term, turnout gear that is always dirty doesn't last as long. This has to do with the fibers that make up the shell of the turnout gear and how soot and other particles settle on and in those fibers. These particles and burned bits can be abrasive. With the regular movement and bending of the gear material, the foreign matter can cut and wear the fibers. Cleaning the gear shell every six months or when obviously soiled reduces the amount of abrasive particles.

The National Fire Protection Agency or NFPA recommends washing soiled turnout gear immediately after exposure to fire or body fluids. The NFPA also warns against cleaning gear in homes or public laundries to avoid cross-contamination. Currently, we only have one set of gear issued to us. If our gear becomes contaminated, we have to wash it one set at a time in a commercial washing machine. This washing machine may get the heavy soils off the outside of our gear, but it does not get all the contaminates out of it. Also, because you can only wash one set at a time, it takes several days to wash the many sets of gear that were exposed at a scene causing the other dirty sets to continually expose our firefighters and citizens to potentially dangerous contaminates.

This equipment will increase the safety and efficiency of our firefighters and our citizens. It will allow us to properly clean our gear preventing unnecessary exposure to toxic chemicals and body fluids and reduce the time gear/personnel will be out of service and It will allow our gear to last longer limiting our operational costs.

We thank you for your time and attention to this matter and look forward to hearing from you soon.

King Foundation Guidelines

The Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation was created in 1986 to provide support for **Maine** communities. A family foundation, we are interested in projects that address the underlying causes of social and environmental problems, as well as those that address the consequences. We have a strong interest in literacy, community services and the arts. As community builders, we are particularly interested in organizations and projects that will affect or serve the most members of a community.

We receive more requests than we could possibly fund, and therefore have had to restrict the kinds of requests we will consider. We can only provide grants for non-profit organization; we cannot give money to individuals for their personal use. We will not consider funding for:

- medical care, education or other direct support for individuals
- competitions or athletic sponsorships for individuals
- wheelchair vans or transportation for individuals
- scholarship foundations or programs that award grants or scholarships
- graduation parties or events
- travel, sponsorship or funding for student or athletic groups
- renovations to churches or other religious properties or institutions
- film or video productions, book or publishing projects
- business development, investments or loans
- conferences, meetings, training, workshops or exhibits
- organizations whose policies encourage discrimination
- academic research, fellowships or publication
- shelters, hospitals or rehabilitation centers for animals
- construction or improvement of playgrounds or skateparks
- hospice programs or facilities
- animal therapy programs

If you have questions or concerns about your organization's eligibility, please [contact the foundation office](#).

Frequently Answered Questions!

What are the deadlines?

We do two grant reviews per year, one with a June 30 deadline and one with a December 31st deadline. Decisions may take as long as eight weeks. Applications can be submitted at any time, but will not be considered until after those deadlines.

Who is eligible to apply for a grant?

Any 501(c)(3) organization in the state of Maine is eligible. No applications will be considered from any organization without 501(c)(3) status, unless the applicant is a town, fire or emergency aid department or school system with tax-exempt status.

What is the size of a typical grant?

Grants range from \$500 to \$50,000. Requests should not exceed \$50,000. Endowment grants are rare, as are matching or challenge grants.

Does the King Foundation make multi-year commitments?

We do, occasionally, at our discretion. However, our preference is to award one-time grants that improve the capacity or function of an organization.

How often can an organization apply?

We request that you only apply once per calendar year, and if you receive funding to wait two years before applying again.

Does the King Foundation award discretionary grants?

The Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation reserves the right to make grants at the discretion of its board members. Organizations that receive funding are selected by the board, and letters of inquiry are not accepted for such funding.

Will the King Foundation support ongoing projects or only new projects?

We have done both, but prefer short-term projects with clearly defined goals and measurable results. Future support should never be assumed once a grant has been awarded. It is not the goal of the Foundation to provide annual support to any organization, nor are we interested in providing grants to correct funding gaps, whatever the reason might be for them.

Will the King Foundation make emergency grants?

No. The Foundation has no emergency funds to distribute. We work within our grant cycles.

Who will review our proposal?

The administrator and the trustees will review all requests. All materials are handled confidentially.

How strict is your policy on application deadlines?

Because we aim for a quick turn-around, we must be very strict on the deadlines. Applying well before the deadline is appreciated. All applications should be postmarked before the deadline; they do not have to be received before the deadline, but they must arrive within seven days of the deadline. No special services for mailing should be required.

How will I know if my application has been received and is complete?

All applicants receive a letter or electronic acknowledgement, and the administrator will contact you if there are questions.

How can I receive information about the fund's assets and previous grants?

This information is available for review in person at the offices of Marks, Paneth & Shron, 622 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017. Go to Links; you will find our 990 posted on Guidestar.

Can I set up a meeting before my request is considered?

The trustees do not grant interviews to prospective grantees, nor do they normally make site visits, except when they consider it necessary, at which time they would request your cooperation.

If we receive funding, do we need to submit a grant report?

Organization receiving a grant will be expected to keep the Foundation informed as to the progress of their project; this may be done through letters, newsletters, photos, or other pertinent materials. In special circumstances, applicants might be asked to submit a report upon completion of a project.

If we receive funding, may we publicize the grant and/or use the King Foundation name in advertising or solicitations?

If you are awarded a grant, you should ask for permission to publicize the award. It is not a requirement that it be publicized.