

Government Operations Committee
Monday, February 1, 2016 at 5:15 pm
City Council Chambers

AGENDA

1. Acceptance and Appropriation of Shelter Plus Care Grant in the amount of \$31,762.
 - Please see the attached Council Action page and Council Resolve.
2. Proposal to Provide Police Services to Husson University during the Academic Year.
 - Please see the attached memorandum from Chief Mark Hathaway.

COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. _____

Date: February 8, 2016

Item/Subject: RESOLVE, Accepting and Appropriating \$31,762 in Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Shelter Plus Care Program

Responsible Department: Health & Community Services

Commentary:

The city annually applies for funding for several homeless programs under the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Homeless Continuum of Care. The accompanying resolve will accept and appropriate \$31,762 in HUD funds for the city's Shelter Plus Care Program which won initial funding in 1993. The Shelter Plus Care Program provides subsidized rents for qualified homeless individuals with a primary diagnosis of mental illness, substance abuse, or HIV related illness and who are receiving support services. This grant, PRA Northside, is a project-based program subsidizing apartments for 3 families with children. The project site is on Griffin Road, and the apartments are owned by Penquis. The term of the grant is January 1 to December 31, 2016

Department Head

Manager's Comments:

City Manager

Associated Information: Resolve

Budget Approval:

Finance Director

Legal Approval:

City Solicitor

**Introduced for
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Assigned to

CITY OF BANGOR

(TITLE.) Resolve, Accepting and Appropriating \$31,762 in Grant Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in support of the Shelter Plus Care Program.

BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BANGOR:

BE IT RESOLVED, That project based rental assistance funds in the amount of \$31,762 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development are hereby accepted and appropriated for the Shelter Plus Care Program for a term of January 1 to December 31, 2016.



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TO: Government Operations Committee

FR: Mark Hathaway

DT: December 16, 2015

RE: Husson University Officer Assignment

For the past several years the police department and Husson University have been engaged in an "officer liaison program" where an officer is assigned, on a part-time basis, to assist campus security with various issues. The program has been successful however the officer is only on campus occasionally or when called upon to provide assistance. The university subsidizes the cost of the officer when he/she is working on university based issues.

Husson University is now requesting to have a dedicated police presence on campus. The request is to have a police officer assigned to the campus on a full-time basis. The selected officer would be permanently assigned to the university, will maintain a daily working relationship with campus security management, will be proactive with campus safety and security planning and provide police services, as necessary, to ensure the safety of university staff, students and visitors.

Husson University is seeking an arrangement where the officer is present for a period of nine months, starting each phase at the first of September and ending at the end of May. The university will compensate the City for the full cost of the officer during that period of time. The officer will be assigned to provide assistance to the police department patrol division during the three summer months. The City will cover the cost of the officer during that period.

The police department has a similar, albeit 12 month agreement, with the Bangor Housing Authority (BHA). In that instance the officer, who has similar expectations, is permanently assigned to BHA. The value of that program allows for uniformed police coverage, the development of long-term relationships with residents and BHA employees and a valued connection between the officer and those he/she serves. The same expectations will be placed upon the officer selected to work on the Husson University campus.

The police department and Husson University enjoy a strong working relationship. This program will ensure continued collaboration while at the same time providing consistent police services on campus. This program, with approval from the Council, would begin in advance of the new school year in the form of the officer selection and training process. The actual assignment will likely occur with the new school year.