



**EXECUTIVE ORDER
CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-EO-39

**HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS: PROVIDING TEMPORARY SHELTER,
PERMANENT HOUSING AND/OR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR THE
HOMELESS POPULATION**

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Mayor Joseph U. Meyer signed Executive Order 2020-EO-01, declaring a state of emergency in the City of Covington due to the outbreak of COVID-19 virus, a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, applicable Kentucky laws authorize a mayor to exercise emergency powers to efficiently and effectively provide for the health, safety, and welfare of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Covington and the Northern Kentucky HOME Consortium member cities of Ludlow, Newport, Bellevue, and Dayton are considered to be entitlement communities by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, Covington and Northern Kentucky HOME Consortium cities receive an annual allocation of funding in the form of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program Funds (HOME) that is issued to provide needed public services, housing, economic development, neighborhood improvements, and other critical needs of low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires the creation of an Annual Action Plan to outline how CDBG and HOME funds will be utilized; and

WHEREAS, Covington is the lead agency responsible for the Annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, HUD preliminarily awarded Covington a special allocation of Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds in the amount of \$879,498.00 from the recently passed Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136, to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) (see attached award letter); and

WHEREAS, the CDBG-CV funds are a substantial amendment to the Annual Action Plan requiring public comment and approval by the Mayor and Board of Commission; and

WHEREAS, On November 9, 2020, City staff sought Requests/Applications for Funding for homeless assistance programs (emergency housing, temporary housing, permanent housing, supplying food and/or meals, health services, housing services, and other supportive services provided to the homeless population); and

WHEREAS, the request sought proposals from non-profits and other eligible entities for participation in CDBG-CV homeless assistance programs to address shortage of available homeless housing and homeless supportive services caused by social distancing requirements and increases in the homeless population due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposals and applying the requirements and scoring criteria, City staff recommends awarding funding to WELCOME HOUSE OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY, INC., a Covington based non-profit, in the amount of \$367,720.00.

NOW and therefore, I, Joseph U. Meyer, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Covington, Kentucky by KRS Chapter 39A, KRS 39B, and in furtherance of the declaration set forth in Executive Order 2020-EO-01, hereby order:

1. The City shall award funding from the CDBG-CV funds to the following organization recommended by staff based on review of the submitted proposal in the following amount:


WELCOME HOUSE OF	\$367,720.00
NORTHERN KENTUCKY, INC.	

2. City staff are authorized to prepare all necessary documents and agreements to effectuate the awarding of funds to the above-listed organizations in accordance with relevant local, state and federal rules and regulations.
3. The City Manager is hereby designated approval authority for grant agreements to eligible entities under the Homeless Assistance Programs: Providing Temporary Shelter, Permanent Housing and/or Supportive Services for the Homeless Population program as "Small Contracts" under City of Covington Code of Ordinances § 35.51 for the duration of the state of emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-E0-01. The Mayor shall retain authority to sign the grant agreements upon said approval by the City Manager.


This Order shall remain in effect until terminated by the issuance of another Executive Order when I determine that a state of emergency no longer exists and the exercise of extraordinary measures are no longer required for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 8th, 2020 AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL RESCINDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER.

Signed on this 8th day of December, 2020,


Joseph U. Meyer, Mayor

Attest:


Margaret M. Nyhan, City Clerk

12-8-20
Date