

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** April 26, 2017

**To:** The City Manager

**From:** D. Ritchie Brooks, Director – Community Development Department

**Council Action Requested:**

Authorize funding to United Way of Forsyth County, Inc. to develop a Continuum of Care Strategic Plan.

**Summary of Information:**

In 2006, the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County adopted a Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness. United Way of Forsyth County agreed to administer the plan. During the ten-year period, chronic homelessness decreased from 214 persons to 59 persons, a 72% decrease. Also, the City received confirmation from HUD and the VA that our community has ended Veteran homelessness by making homelessness among Veterans rare, brief, and non-recurring.

United Way has proposed to continue the work of ending homelessness through development of a strategic plan for the next five years. The plan will address all homeless subpopulations, including the chronically homeless, Veterans, families and youth. United Way issued a Request for Proposals and has selected Focus Strategies to complete the strategic plan at a cost of \$87,250.

The City Council appropriated \$22,250 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds towards the strategic plan costs as part of the FY17 budget. In addition, United Way has requested \$22,500 in Continuum of Care Planning Grant funds to assist with the cost of the plan. The total of the CDBG funds and the Continuum of Care request from the City is \$44,750. United Way will obtain the balance of needed funding from other sources.

A resolution to authorize provision of up to \$22,500 in Continuum of Care Planning funds to United Way of Forsyth County for the strategic plan costs is attached.

**Committee Action:**

**Committee**

**Action**

**For**

**Against**

**Remarks:**