

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** December 12, 2023

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**To:** Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

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**From:** Patrice Toney, Assistant City Manager  
Shantell McClam, Neighborhood Services Director

**Council Action Requested:**  
Resolution Authorizing Funding for a White Flag Shelter

**Strategic Focus Area:** Livable Neighborhoods  
**Strategic Objective:** Expand Housing Assistance Programs  
**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No  
**Key Work Item:** No



**Summary of Information:**

The City of Winston-Salem has awarded Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds annually to United Way of Forsyth County to coordinate an overflow shelter for the homeless during the winter months (November-March). Currently with an increase in unsheltered families the 2023-2024 overflow shelter will be targeted for homeless families when year-around shelters are at capacity.

City with Dwellings: A Community First Initiative is requesting funding to operate a white flag shelter for homeless individuals during frigid weather. A white flag shelter is a drop-in shelter where people can stay warm. The white flag shelter will only open when temperatures are predicted to be below 32 degrees or below 38 degrees with precipitation overnight. The white flag shelter will have a capacity of 40 single men and women. It will be located in City With Dwellings at 502 N. Broad Street. Funds will be used to pay overnight monitors and provide meals. The attached resolution awards \$40,000 to City with Dwellings to operate a white flag shelter during FY24 utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

**Committee Action:**

<b>Committee</b>	FC – 12/12/23	<b>Action</b>	Approval
<b>For</b>	Unanimous	<b>Against</b>	

**Remarks:**