

Resolution No. 2728

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE LIFE CRISIS CENTER AND TELAMON CORPORATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING FOR OFFICE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN'S FY2017 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, AND STALKING.

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury desires to protect its citizens from sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking and decrease the rate of homelessness in our area; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that these two missions are interrelated and that the Salisbury area lacks an adequate supply of transitional and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Life Crisis Center desires to operate a transitional housing program to serve victims of domestic violence who struggle to secure housing; and

WHEREAS, the Life Crisis Center lacks the initial costs of starting this program, namely the capital costs of acquiring and renovating a property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury has a mechanism for acquiring vacant and unutilized properties and has an increasing supply of such properties; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to encourage responsible and diligent ownership of these properties; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to increase the number of responsible residents and homeowners; and

WHEREAS, the Telamon Corporation will be providing financial and housing literacy courses and counseling to participants in the proposed transitional housing program; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW), of the U.S. Department of Justice, is soliciting applications for grant funding in the amount of \$350,000, to be spent operating the program for the initial three years; and

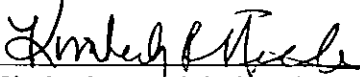
WHEREAS, the OVW requires the parties to this application to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); and

WHEREAS, § SC7-29 forbids any office or department from entering into a contract that involves the expenditure of funds not appropriated by council.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland authorizes the Mayor to sign the attached MOU, approves the expenditure as laid out in the MoU, and supports the City of Salisbury's application to the OVW.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on the 27 day of February, 2017 and is to be effectively immediately upon adoption.

ATTEST:

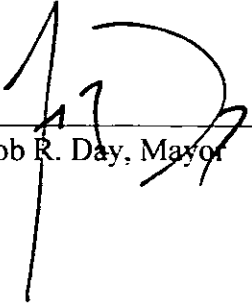


Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk



John R. Heath, President
Salisbury City Council

APPROVED BY ME THIS 1st day of MARCH, 2017



Jacob R. Day, Mayor

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MEMO

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

To: Julia Glanz
From: Theo Williams
Subject: MoU for OVW Application
Date: February 1st, 2017

The City of Salisbury will be reapplying to the Office of Violence Against Women's FY2016 Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking. We are still waiting on comments on why our application was not funded, but we are working to fill in some of the gaps in the application that we have identified. The application will largely remain the same, with the only major programmatic element changing would be Telamon offering job skills training to the participants in this program. These funds are for up to \$350,000 to operate a transitional housing program over the course of three years. The City of Salisbury will act as a pass-through entity. The City's share of the grant funds will cover the administration of and grant reporting for the program. The majority of the funds will go to the Life Crisis Center, which will be operating the program. A small amount of funds will be going to Telamon Corporation, which will be offering financial and literacy courses and counseling for members of the program. A transitional housing program lasts between six and twenty-four months, after which the clients will need the skills to live independently.

The City of Salisbury intends to donate a property that it will acquire through receivership to the Life Crisis Center. This property will be owned and operated by the Life Crisis Center to house a family fleeing domestic violence. The OVW funds cannot be utilized for capital or legal expenditures. Thus, the City will utilize at least \$20,000 from its Community Development Project Initiative to rehab the property and bring it up to code, unless we can receive funding for such

rehabilitations through another grant funding opportunity. The Life Crisis Center will also be offering rental and utility subsidies/vouchers to privately house additional individuals and families fleeing domestic violence, paid for through the OVW grant funds.

The OVW application requires the parties to the grant application enter into a MoU before applying for this application. Council must authorize the Mayor to enter into this MoU as it requires the Mayor to expend funds. If you do not have any questions, please forward this information to council.