CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY SIXTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-25-218 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Renée Grout, by request

RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION IN RESPONSE TO ENACTMENT NO. R-2025-060 "ESTABLISHING A CONTINUING SOBRIETY HOUSING VOUCHER PILOT PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS; DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROGRAM AND REPORT ON OUTCOMES."

WHEREAS, City Council enacted R-2025-060 directing the Department of Health, Housing and Homelessness (HHH) to develop a plan to implement a pilot program for housing vouchers to support individuals who are transitioning from rehabs, treatment centers, or detox centers into housing; and

WHEREAS, Resolution enacted R-2025-060 also provided that HHH include a provision for funding in the plan; and

WHEREAS, HHH has created such a plan detailed in Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, HHH recommends Fund (201): Opioid Settlement Funds be utilized to fund the Continuing Sobriety Voucher Program as set forth in Attachment A.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A PILOT PROGRAM. HHH is hereby directed to create the Continuing Sobriety Voucher Program (Program) to initially serve up to twenty-five individuals exiting rehab, detox, or other substance use treatment programs who meet the criteria set forth in Attachment A.

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SECTION 2. TIME PERIOD OF PILOT PROGRAM. Utilizing a rolling admission model, the Pilot Program is designed to provide individuals with twelve (12) months of housing assistance. Upon conclusion of the twelve-month period, at the City's discretion, the participant may request up to an additional six (6) months to maintain the voucher while completing the transition into stable housing.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION. Opioid Settlement Funds in the amount of $1,263,900 are hereby appropriated from Fund (201) to the Department of Health, Housing, and Homelessness for the purpose of establishing and operating the Sobriety Housing Voucher Pilot Program for the duration of the Pilot Program. Funds not used within the time period shall revert to Fund (201). Sobriety Housing Voucher Pilot Program $1,263,900.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Resolution. The Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution and each section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any provision being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

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