

**CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY THIRD COUNCIL**

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-19-143 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Patrick Davis

1 **RESOLUTION**
2 **APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR IN FISCAL YEAR**
3 **2019 TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL**
4 **MIGRANTS TRANSITING THROUGH ALBUQUERQUE TO SPONSORS ACROSS**
5 **THE COUNTRY.**

6 **WHEREAS, in recent months there has been an influx of immigrant**
7 **crossings at the United States and Mexico border; and**

8 **WHEREAS, New Mexico municipalities and counties, including Las Cruces**
9 **and Santa Fe, have coordinated with the State of New Mexico to create a**
10 **network of hospitality cities, ensuring that asylum seekers receive a basic**
11 **medical examination, food, access to showers, clothing and toiletries, and a**
12 **place to sleep, until they are connected with a sponsor across the country;**
13 **and**

14 **WHEREAS, once they have received a sponsor, many asylum seekers need**
15 **assistance accessing transportation to those final locations; and**

16 **WHEREAS, for many weeks, Albuquerque’s Office of Immigrant & Refugee**
17 **Affairs (OIRA), working in coordination with local non-profit and faith-based**
18 **organizations, have organized to provide this assistance to more than 200 new**
19 **asylum seekers arriving per week, and staff of OIRA have done so as auxiliary**
20 **duties to their regular assignments; and**

21 **WHEREAS, the US Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs**
22 **Enforcement have recently increased the number of asylum seekers released**
23 **into New Mexico; and**

24 **WHEREAS, the City has the capacity to assist those immigrant refugees**
25 **requiring temporary shelter, food, water, emergency transportation, toiletries,**
26 **and children’s services.**

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

3 Section 1. The City of Albuquerque will continue to work with the State
4 and other New Mexico municipalities and counties to provide hospitality and
5 humanitarian assistance to asylum seekers released in New Mexico.

6 Section 2. That the following amounts are hereby adjusted to the
7 programs as indicated from unreserved fund balance for Fiscal Year 2019:

8 GENERAL FUND -110

9 Mayor's Office

10 Mayor's Office 250,000

11 These funds will be administered by the Office of the Mayor for:

12 A. Funding a full-time asylum services coordinator within the Office of
13 Immigrant & Refugee Affairs;

14 B. Grants and/or contracts to established non-profits, specialized
15 service providers, and faith-based organizations providing medical services,
16 basic needs including showers, clothing and toiletries, children's services,
17 and temporary shelter;

18 C. Emergency overtime for eligible City employees performing these
19 services.

20 Section 3. None of these funds shall be used for legal services.

21 Section 4. The Mayor shall report to the Council on a monthly basis on the
22 expenditure of these funds, to include the number of persons served and type
23 of services provided.

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