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## Legislation Text

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### **CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$106,683 FROM KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES FOR COMCARE'S PATH HOMELESS PROGRAM.**

Presented by: Marilyn Cook, LMCSW, Executive Director, COMCARE.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Accept the grant award and authorize the Chairman or his designee to sign all necessary documents.

**Grant Renewal:** Yes

**Never Applied:** Yes

**Applied; not awarded:** No

**Grant Summary and Timeline:** COMCARE's Homeless Program has been providing services under the PATH (Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness) grant for 17 years through the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services. In this renewal application, COMCARE proposes to continue providing access to mental health and substance use treatment services for persons who are literally homeless. These services include:

- Street outreach;
- Screening and diagnostic treatment;
- Case management;
- Referrals to other providers, like primary healthcare and addiction treatment; and
- Technical assistance in applying for housing, benefits, employment, etc. as appropriate.

COMCARE's PATH funds will be utilized to support two full time (2.0 FTE) outreach case managers and 0.40 FTE office specialist to manage data for the program. COMCARE expects that approximately 400 literally homeless adults with mental illness and/or substance use will be outreached and 200 will be enrolled into services annually.

This agreement is an amendment that extends the award received in FY 2015 to extend the grant through FY 2016.

### **Financial Considerations:**

Grant period starts:8-1-15

Grant period ends:7-31-16

#### Source of funding

Grant: \$106,683.00

Required Match: \$

Required Cash Match: \$

Required In-Kind Match: \$

Other funding:\$51,317

TOTAL SOURCES \$158,000

Uses of funding (Note: Include any Required Matches in your totals)

Operational costs: \$158,000  
    Personnel: \$135,168  
    Contractual services: \$16,079  
    Operational supplies: \$ 6,753  
    Equipment:\$  
    Indirect administrative costs:\$  
Capital projects cost:\$  
TOTAL USES \$158,000  
Source of matching funds:  
Source of other funding: Unencumbered cash in Fund 252

**Budget Authority Adjustment:** No budget authority is being requested at this time.

**Personnel considerations:** This PATH grant will fund two full time outreach case managers, and 0.4 FTE of an office specialist, which have been funded through the grant previously.

**Expected measurable outcomes:** Through the PATH grant, staff will be able to provide the services necessary to help connect literally homeless individuals with severe and persistent mental illness to housing, income, medical insurance, primary medical care, and other resources so that they can start the recovery process.

**Alternatives:** Without these funds COMCARE's Homeless Program would be unable to maintain the current level of outreach and case management services. Services would have to be reduced or an alternative source of funding would need to be identified.

**Policy considerations:** All Sedgwick County policies have been followed in the development of this renewal grant application.

**Legal considerations:** The authority for this action is K.S.A 19-101 and a simple majority vote is required.