

# Funding Agreement with Sedgwick County for Housing First Program



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# Background



- In 2006, the City Council and the Sedgwick County Commission authorized the Task Force on Ending Chronic Homelessness.
- One of the recommendations was the creation of the Housing First program, which both bodies endorsed.



# Analysis



- The Housing First program is designed to provide permanent housing to participants in sites scattered across the community, through rent and utilities subsidies.
- Housing First program costs are split between the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County and the City administers the program pursuant to a funding agreement between the City and the County.



# Results



- Since the program began in March of 2009, there have been 396 participants placed in housing.
- A total of 193 participants are considered to have successfully exited the program.
  - Examples of successful exits include, but are not limited to, increasing household income, moving closer to family, receiving a Section 8 voucher, moving into public housing, etc.



# Results



- A total of 132 participants are considered to have unsuccessfully exited the program.
  - Examples of unsuccessful exits include program/lease violation and/or becoming incarcerated.



# Financial Considerations



- The 2020 Adopted Budget includes rent and utilities subsidies in the amount of \$382,736, with \$191,368 to be contributed from the General Fund and \$191,368 to be contributed by Sedgwick County, pursuant to the Funding Agreement.



# Recommendations



- It is recommended that the City Council approve the Funding Agreement and authorize the necessary signatures.



