

Unedited Captioning Transcript of Equity, Community Affairs, Housing, Health and Education Committee Meeting - March 22, 2023.

Okay. Yeah, I appreciate it called the role if you would.

Yeah, so, um, in chambers, we have committee member, um, sign committee member Hawkins committee member really?

Committee member committee member, Arthur, we have President Winkler and virtually we have committee member Parker and, um, hopefully later will be joined by chair Shanklin.

And this meeting is being held pursuant to Kara 61.806 in council rule 5, a red and full. rule five a red and full

Thank you very much. So, uh, the 1st, 1 on the agenda is is, could you read that.

Yes, sir item number 1 is 02223 a resolution pursuant to the capital and operating budget ordinances, approving the appropriation to fund the following down competitively negotiated sole source contract.

Public Health and wellness concerning overdose quick response team local recovery, community connection incorporated 85,000.

Thanks very much do we have a motion.

Ocean Arthur, thank you. 2nd.

Is there a 2nd, um.

Maryland burger. Okay. I can't see the other members so somebody's going to help me a little bit here. Uh, do we have a speaker here to talk about this by any chance?

I can, I can talk, I can talk about this, um, the administration reached out to me and asked me to sponsor this. Um, I'll just.

Uh, so I don't know a whole lot about it, but I had a few questions upon looking through the resolution. Um.

The, the 85,000 dollars are passed through federal funds, awarded to through the state, Kentucky opioid opioid response effort in October of 2022.

And this resolution is written for fiscal year, 2022 2023 and I was asking whether we were anticipating using all of the money 85,000 dollars between now and June 30th.

And I got a response back from Ben Goldman saying, the 85,000 will not be spent in fiscal 202,223. but core is anticipated to fund this grant at identical levels every fiscal year.

We will need to return unused funds from 2023, but we'll then receive new funds to support this work for 2024. our hope is to sign a similar contract with for 2024. and then the other question I had asked is about this, being a sole source contract.

And my understanding is that this organization is 1 of the few, if not the only organization that provides, I think it's in home or insight.

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Help in this kind of an effort and so that's why it's a sole source contract. So that's about the extent of my knowledge on it. So I'll leave it at that for now.

Sounds very good Mark is I'm going to say something.

Yeah, I was Thank you. Uh.

Vice chair there is a speaker from the administration here. I don't know if you can see. Okay. Great, great.

I need all the help I can get from here so.

Can you identify yourself and speak up.

Sure, I'm Ben Goldman community help administrator for the.

Behavioral Health equity team, uh, in the Metro, public health and wellness.

Um, so just a few additional pieces on this yeah, it's an annual.

Hello? Hello?

Ben Goldman, Metro, public, health and wellness, and the community health administrator for the behavioral health equity team. Um, so this is the grant that we've gotten this is the 2nd, fiscal year. We've got in it.

The funds were awarded in July, and we sort of started the process to try to get these peer support specialists.

Out into the field in October, we run into a few challenges, but now we're hoping that every year from now on That'll just be a continued part of the grant.

And the other component with the sole source piece is most of the peer support specialists that are available in Louisville, metro area are associated with a specific treatment provider.

And what we've found with other programs is, the ideal is to have it be.

Peer support specialist, who's able to make referrals to all of the treatment providers and there's no concerns about conflict of interest or, you know.

Priority given for 1 treatment provider over another we want to.

Really, uh, as much as possible, a participant centered approach where we're matching people to the treatment that's going to be best for them.

That sounds really good. Uh, how many people can you help.

Or have you helped so far? Sure. Um, so, since the program launched in July of 2021, um, I don't have the exact numbers handy, but we visited about 140 individuals who have experienced overdose about 200 family members.

And then we've distributed to about 2000 community members. Um, in the areas where those overdoses were taking place. in the areas where those overdoses were taking place

And with our primary referral sources through EMS.

Uh, every morning we receive the runs that they've done on folks who have experienced overdose.

There's a Kentucky revised statute the permits that data to be narrowly shared with the health department specifically for the purpose of this type of outreach program.

Well, it sounds great. I appreciate you all doing this. Uh, uh, anybody in the committee have any questions.

Any member? Parker? Yes. Um, I had a couple. What exactly will the 85,000 dollars.

For us, it'll be 2 part time, peer support specialists.

That's a trained position of people who have lived experience of substance use disorder, um, who then receive additional training beyond their lived experience.

In how to engage people work with folks who have recently experienced an overdose, um, help people in their recovery pathway and they are the ones that go into the home.

So, right now it's entirely little of a Metro, public health and wellness employees.

Um, many of whom do have lived experience the ideal model would be 1, public health employee paired with 1 peer that would allow us to do more runs. And, um.

Especially handle more follow up with people who require ongoing engagement before they're interested in services.

Okay, do you all keep any data on relapse prevention?

We do with in terms of folks who have accepted services and not accepted services, we have.

Documentation of sort of who, then we see pop up again with an additional overdose or drug poisoning.

Okay, and then this is kind of more of a, a.

A comment I looked at the website and it was.

Uh, I was just wondering what the main mission was, because it was really kind of all over the place. There was all kinds of blogs and.

And then there were stuff on there about voting rights and.

All kinds of things that to me, it didn't seem like.

Pertain to the mission of this, so.

What is actually the main mission.

Um, this group are you asking of lieu of recovery community connection?

The partnering organization, so their recovery community organization that's also funded by the Kentucky opioid response effort.

Um, their, uh, their physical location serves as a hub for recovery.

Meetings 12 step programs, service, delivery, harm reduction.

So, I would, you know, I can't represent them, but I would say, roughly my understanding of their mission.

Is to serve all residents at all phases of their recovery.

That could be a person who has 25 years of abstinence based recovery all the way up to somebody who used substances this morning is interested in talking to someone about managing their substance use. Um. um

So, this, this program aligns with their mission in that they really do advocate for the involvement of impacted people in all of this work. And they have a ton of experienced people who have lived experience.

Who want to be involved in recovery efforts.

And what we've found, um, in terms of best practices, for this model of a quick response team, is that having people at the scene, when we're visiting a home,

who have lived experience is critically important to building that relationship to reducing those barriers into making our staff more approachable.

Okay, and, um.

I guess of all the people that they visit or they contact.

What's the percentage rate? I'm just curious. Um.

What the percentage rate of contacts they actually meet with, versus.

Names or folks that they've got.

Ems, that's a great question. Um, so.

There's sort of a subset of all of the referrals where.

The address is either incorrect or not enough information for us to track the person down.

Of home visits where we're successful in reaching a location, we have access, you know, if it's an apartment building, we're able to actually knock on the individual apartment door, or if it's a house, we're able to get to the house.

I would say we're probably between 10 and 20% of those encounters initially lead to, uh, immediate contact with the individual in question. And then maybe an additional 25% of those.

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Lead to an encounter with a family member, or loved 1 of the person who experienced the overdose.

And then, in the cases where we're not able to talk to anyone, you know, we knock on a door and there's no, 1 there, we leave behind a door hanger. That's discreet. But has information about how to get a hold of us.

Um, and just describes us as a health outreach team that's able to offer free services anonymously or confidentially.

Okay, thank you. Um, that clears up a lot because when I went on their site, it was.

Really? There's just like a lot of.

Like, blogs there and, um, so this gives more good information. There was 1 place where it gave some numbers about coaching and referrals and that. But there was a lot of other, like.

Weird stuff so.

Um, just to clarify the program is currently only being operated by little Metro, public, health and wellness. So, none of the activities for the current program are captured under that website.

Um, and and won't be captured under that website, we're just contracting some of the labor of your support specialists from that nonprofit.

Okay, thank you. Thank you. Uh, anybody in the community and the committee have any other questions.

Yes, committee member Hawkins Thank you. Thank you.

Just a couple of quick questions.

They just really wasn't clear to me that counsel women Parker had asked. I didn't get the clarity that I needed. She asked she touched on a lot of things and that was, you go into the homes and let me ask this.

Are you born into any of these homes yourself or you just the advocate.

For the company, so I work for the metro public health and wellness. Okay. I'm a metro employee. Okay.

I am the manager for this program so typically my staff people who report to me other metro employees.

Are going out into the field, but we're currently experiencing a staffing crisis in our department. So frequently I myself, I'm going out on those calls as well. So I'm happy to answer any questions about those calls. Okay.

So I'm asking that, because I want to know, do you go out into these homes to be able to determine if what you are doing is effective because you guys are asking for 85,000,

which I see counsel give money a whole lot. So that's not really a lot. a lot

Money, but I'm asking, do you think you're asking for this money for 2 part time positions correct?

Yeah, just to clarify we're not asking for the money. The money has already been awarded from the state for this purpose. Okay. We're asking permission to spend the money in this contract. So this is all federal passed through funds.

I do think the program is incredibly effective. We've seen people who.

You know, we show up at their door and they slam the door in our face.

That's that's part of the job we also see people who break down in tiers who, you know, their loved 1 has struggled to be linked to services.

They're incredibly grateful that the city cares enough to send 2 people out to their door to check on their loved. 1, they accept they accept information about treatment. They accept a card to then link us to the person.

Who experienced the overdose we've had people who we connected to northern programs to methadone programs who are currently maintaining abstinence from illicit drugs and not continuing to experience overdose.

What are, um, what are some of the areas that are the most.

It's the most that you got, it.

Like, what parts? What districts? Sure. So, the areas yeah, I would say that the clusters that we see, um, based on the EMS runs are a lot of.

Is that downtown area south, global, Southwest, Louisville and West mobile we do see overdoses in every zip code every Council district,

but I would say in terms of concentration, we're seeing the highest concentration of overdose runs in those areas. 1, last question. So a lot of the people that you're seeing into the homes.

Um, they were prior they're coming off recovery, or what is the longest person that you have employee that, uh.

That has not relaxed, so that's not a question that we ask people when we're hiring them. It's actually, I think we may be.

Federally prohibited from asking that question. Do you draw a test? We do not drug test so there's no guarantee that a person that you're sending into the home is not still currently a user.

I think to the extent that there's a guarantee that any metro employee who's not drug tested is not using drugs. I can offer that same guarantee.

I think that in terms of visiting people at home.

To my knowledge, dozens of programs that the city has people doing home visits.

So, for me, the benefit of having a person with lived experience.

Who we do, or don't know whether, or not their toxicology screen would come up positive is much greater in this particular case than in any of those other programs I think, as as an employer.

I would hate to discriminate against people who have overcome a substance use disorder and prevent them from working in a field where they're able to serve their community and improve the lives of residents. I will say this, to clear this up.

I am a firm believer that people.

Actually has been through something, would it be the best advocate? But what I'm also saying is, is that we just want to make sure that even the advocate itself, how can you advocate and you're still using.

Absolutely just be. You can't there's no way that you can advocate and then you are still using it to be clear. I mean, our, our policy as an employer is that we.

Do not allow drug use among staff.

You know, on the job, we don't allow, you know, we don't endorse people using drugs, but I think.

As a program manager yeah, 2 years into this program, I have never seen any indication that would give me pause and I've seen dozens of times.

In the field, a colleague where I have no lived experience of substance use disorder, I'm not a person in long term recovery. I've seen people in long term recovery, make connections.

That even I, as a skilled social service worker, as a experienced clinician connections that I haven't been able to make.

And so I will, I will die on the hill of making sure that we hire people with lived experience. Thank you so much. Absolutely.

Council woman, uh, Shanklin. Are you ready to take over.

Yes, if you don't mind, I apologize. No problem. Computer messed up again today we're going to have to send it downtown. So well, the other 1, I mean, it did the same thing last week and so.

I apologize for that. Is there any more questions or concerns.

Yes, from a committee member Arthur. Okay.

Awesome Thank you so much. I have 1 comment and 1 question, I think, unless it depends on the answer to that question. So the comment is, thank you for the work that you're doing your team.

Is so crucial with that being said, when we look at this resolution that work isn't really reflected or the impact of the results of the programming that you all provide isn't really reflected so,

I would hope in the future that when the administration is asking 1 of us to sponsor something contract, whether it's a pass through or not. We want to make sure that the whereas clauses are there to just point to. Hey, these are how many people we reached. This is the impact of our work.

This is why we should fund this and approve this.

And then the question is.

Do you know if any of the staff members of this organization are also staff members of public health and wellness.

I don't, I don't know, for absolute certain. I would be very surprised if that were the case. I would say to my knowledge, there's no overlap. Um.

If there were any full time employees of public, health and wellness, we would know about their secondary employment for part time employees. I think there is.

It is feasible that there could be a person working part time for both. I'd be happy to ask them and look at our roles, but to my knowledge, and I would say, I would probably know about it if there were overlap.

My, my belief is, there is no overlap in the 2 employments.

Thank you so much. That's all true woman. Okay. Thank you. There's no 1 else in the queue.

So, we're moved in, um, I'm sure we all number 2. am I right?

No, just number 1 we still don't remember. Oh, we have. Okay. So.

Let's see the boat. Okay. Ready to vote all in favor.

Uh, hi, po's.

Post, uh, this will go to the consent calendar.

It takes me a minute to catch up. Once you lose everything.

Uh, Barbara, uh, I want to say, I should have said some, uh, Mitch gallman who's working on this program.

Uh, this is, uh, uh, something's really, really needed and sometimes people aren't conscious and I appreciate them paying attention.

Uh, the people who are less, uh, are vulnerable to mess up and, and a lot of people who are on drugs, they, they're, they're, they're just naive of what's, you know, the whole world and they need help.

And so I'm glad that, uh, we're doing this. Great Thank you.

So, man, we sending this to proceed calendar. Okay so we are number 2, right?

Yes, ma'am. Okay. Manual clerk. Can you read my item? Number? 2?

Course item number 2 is r0 24 dash 23 a resolution pursuant to the capital and operating budget ordinances, approving the appropriation to fund the following noncompetitive negotiated professional service, contract, removal, natural, public, health and wellness.

L. M. P. H. W. concerning public health and wellness. Oh, no. Concerning services as the W medical director, Northern health care incorporated 60,000, red and full emotionally.

Do we have a 4th 1.

Okay, it's been moved the property a 2nd, um.

Think it says pet mobile here is going to be there.

Speak? Yes, ma'am. Oh.

Do we have someone there to speak on it? Yes. Could they announce their name and.

Yeah, my name is Taylor Ingram and I serve as the chief of staff for the Department of public health and wellness.

Okay.

Yeah, yep, okay so, as you all know, the department provides a variety of clinical services,

which require the oversight and direction by a qualified and licensed medical practitioner we have had this position posted with local metro government as a direct tire

now for 1 year in that time we only received 1 application and they were not the right fit for a recommendation to.

Here so we have had to seek alternative sources to try to ensure.

We can maintain operations through conversations, Northern healthcare was identified, specifically through their office, or division of pediatric,

infectious diseases as being able to provide a qualified physician to support 3 key objectives for the department. Which includes acting as a medical advisor for our programs and staff that provide direct clinical care and that.

Includes, but it's not limited to, you know, standing orders and participating in the care of our patients.

Number 2 would be serving as a medical advisor and assisting our leadership team and planning and developing clinical activities.

Especially including coordination with the medical community as a whole here in Jefferson County and local Metro and then 3, the individual would serve as a medical expert participating in public education activities.

This contract is for 15% of a provider's time, and we feel that the, the public private partnership between mobile,

Metro government and Norton healthcare helps us overcome the ability to directly hire for this role and fills an immediate need in our physician support team. team

Happy to answer any questions you have no. 1 does anyone have any concerns or questions?

Can I remember Arthur? I think I answered the question with the documentation. You were talking about the position being posted nobody applied, except for someone you didn't want.

This funding isn't something new this is funding. You already have ready for the position, so you're just making sure it goes to somebody who's outside of government. Essentially. This is through grant funding from the CDC. Thank you so much.

Is there any, any other concerns or questions?

This time the vote.

Uh, committee member Hawkins. Okay. Uh, she wasn't in the queue so I didn't know.

But I guess their names don't go in the queue.

Um, in the queue, it's usually just for virtual, but I can start putting them in there, but I think she, uh, she changed her

mind, but committee or vice chair Benson might want to speak. Okay.

I can't hear you sorry the the 15.

That's why you couldn't hear me a minute ago. Um, I had a mute what a dummy, uh, uh, uh, 15% is, uh, uh, 60,000 dollars is for 15% of the work. Is that what.

I understand it's for 15% of the individuals overall time. So the other.

I'm not good at math. 85% of their time will be paid for by Norton they will serve as Norton employee during that time and then it'll just be the 15% they spend with the Department of public health and wellness.

I understand. I, I, I was naive. I thank you. Thank you. All right. Thank you.

Is there anyone else in the chambers they want to speak? Because they're not in the queue.

Um, committee member Hawkins. Okay.

So you've posted this position online, or have you advocated for this position to be hired? Yeah, so it is on Neo Gov, which is the online application that all metro departments use to post their positions.

In addition the health department has started proactive recruitment efforts.

So that's working with organizations in the community that do hiring fares, that host job boards to make them aware of the public health and wellness openings. And then we.

We also promote them on our online social media accounts, and through our weekly public newsletter.

Still haven't been successful. Yeah. Unfortunately, you know, the compensation rate that we offer is just not competitive.

And there's no 1 in there's no 1 already in a position.

The yeah, the other medical position is also filled by a part time position and there's no 1 else on our staff that holds these qualifications.

Thank you. Yeah, thank you.

Is there anyone else any concerns questions?

Oh, man. Okay. Hearing with Tammy to vote.

All in favor.

Any oppose are are you a.

No, oh, I heard I heard somebody say, I, we're not sending any opposed.

Was that Tammy? Was that that was just a delay reaction I believe. Oh delayed reaction. Okay. Okay. So.

Uh, then this will send this to consent calendar.

Okay, the next item that we have, we have a resolution. Can you read it?

Yes, ma'am item number 3. R dash 031 dash 23 a resolution honoring miss Anna Woodbridge by dedicating the corner of South Bay street and camp street as Anna wooldridge way in her honor red. her honor red

Thank you oh, I'm a motion.

We have a 4th story Benson, it's been properly mood this 2nd do we have someone to speak on this item?

It does not look like it. Ma'am. Okay. If we don't have anyone to speak on this item, then we will.

We'll move on to the next 1.

I think the next we have a special yes.

Um, we have someone here from daycare.

Yes, ma'am. Okay. We're pulling up their presentation right now. Excuse me? I got a point of water. Please.

What's that? Okay just to ask a quick question. Just probably from lack of knowledge or I just need some clarity on something. Just wanted to know a council woman. Why were we tabling that?

Because no one's here to speak, is that that's what I have to say no one's here to speak on it. So.

There's no information about whatsoever, sold there needs to be someone to speak on it when you have some type of if you sponsoring something, someone needs to be there to speak on it.

Okay, thank you. Okay. We have Vincent James there.

Yes. Okay. Can you introduce yourself.

Yes, my name is Vincent. James, I'm the president and CEO of dare to care food bank and I'm also accompanied with Daniel, who is our chief financial officer, and also have 2 other colleagues who are in the audience that are prepared.

Potentially, if they need any to answer any questions.

Councilman Shanklin and to this body to Madam chair. I really appreciate the opportunity to be able to come and to share with you today. Something very near and dear to my heart with the work of dare to care food bank.

Some of you may be familiar with dare to care and for those of you, who are not, we simply distribute food to the community.

We have over 300 partner agencies that we work with that are located in all metro council districts and these partner agencies are delivering. delivering

Services to our community to our members and our to our neighbors and need we also serve 7 other Kentucky counties and 5 in southern Indiana and last year we distributed 19.6Million meals throughout Kentucky and 2

thirds of those meals were right here in Louisville metro which we touch every zip code in every metro Council district with our assistance. And so just a few weeks ago through the great partnership that.

You were able to establish with local metro government we've seen that Louisville have experienced the 1000 thousands of

power outages that literally impact the entire community and through this partnership,

we were able to identify those critical areas of need to be able to serve the community and so, we mobilize 7 different pop up pantries for those who lost food during that time during the power outages.

And, and in cases of emergency people.

Have the food needs, and we were able to provide over 2700 families in need during that time. And it was a critical time that we were able to respond immediately.

And that is due to the infrastructure that dare to care, has built out in our community to be able to respond to those types of disasters. And we're able to also provide 3 different locations that typically we have not served.

But 3 popup locations where we're able to provide, not only hot meals, but also we deliver. but also we deliver

Food doing after school programs during that time of the power outages as well. And lastly we were able to serve several communities, senior communities because a lot of the senior community buildings were out.

We were able to provide food, hot meals for them as well as partner with some other community partner agencies that were able to deliver food themselves, utilizing our community kitchen in West Louisville. The.

When we talked about.

Think about while we're here today and why, we wanted to share this information with you our state benefits dropped May of 24,022 remove tens of millions of dollars from our most vulnerable members of our community.

And the average benefit was 230, 43 dollars that dropped by 100 dollars for nearly 600,000, low income Kentuckians who qualify for supplemental nutrition.

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Assistance program to snap benefits and as a result of that, we're seeing the number of recipients also who've lost those snap benefits is really equivalent.

If we think about the size and the impact to fill in the youngster 5 times in Louisville.

This doesn't really even include the nearly 30,600 residents who earn too much to qualify for snap benefits, but they don't earn enough to cover the food expenses. And so additionally. and so additionally

These things we've seen these safety nets programs, such as extended expanded childcare, tax credits in,

and as a result gear to care and our partners are serving food and we haven't seen this significant surge in those visiting food banks.

Some of our partners are sharing with us that they've seen a 40% increase over last summer and some of these sites seen even close to doubling the number of visitors that come for need for food assistance. At the same time. time

We've been seeing the government cuts occurring, we also are seeing again a 50 year inflation. Hi.

Specifically targeting food and transportation and for our neighbors who are still struggling to rebound from the pandemic and our seniors who are on fixed incomes.

We're seeing, for example, a continued increase along with our youth, which is 70% of our youth here in Louisville, continuing to experience food insecurity because of these safety nets being cut the program. program

That we are providing and others are providing community community are crucial, and we have to have these programs and initiatives to continue to provide food for our neighbors.

And, as we think about the impact of what is typically happening on a daily day to day basis.

We are continuing to identify additional support and local support from our local officials and from our community members as well because to respond to this search that we've seen correspondingly when we think about the search that.

Impacted our country, unfortunately, the same challenges that we've seen impact our neighbors are also impacting dare to care. When we think about the USDA supplemental food has dropped sharply.

We've seen a 54% decrease from our federal government programs, and also the food prices and transportation costs are continuing to climb that. We're paying out, which is representing 55% of our non personnel budget. Just this year long.

We've spent a quarter. we've spent a quarter

1Million dollars in addition to what are we had, had budgeted to cover some of the costs of purchasing food for our neighbors in need in which, by, which continues to drain,

create a challenge for us to be able to serve effectively and the food supply chain issues.

Have really disrupted a lot of the things we've seen in our community from the Disrupt, the shipments of donated and purchase food inventory is really causing a lot of delays and disruption to our community support.

However, even with these challenges, we do have a unique time in history that we are in today.

Right now we're seeing literally this perfect storm challenges that we are facing this impact in many low billions as well. And so dare to care is uniquely positioned to respond, but the need and support.

Of our community, and our local officials is really critical at this time.

We've received a grant here recently to provide over 3 year, period to really look at how we're able to provide access to adequate of access for food for all of our neighbors.

We want to be able to build out an infrastructure that literally no matter what zip code you're in, that you have access to food when you are in need. But again, we need the support to now.

To really focus on the kinds of issues that we're confronted with today. And so in this current year alone, again, we have an opportunity to continue to spend resources to be able to purchase food.

And 1 of the things I want to encourage each of our council members to come by our warehouse and see our kitchen and our community partners that work. It's an incredible opportunity.

When you see all of the volunteers, when you see all of the passion that's gathered around our.

Neighbors and our volunteers to make sure that they are providing food to our neighbors and need and this.

Opportunity for me transitioning out of Metro, local government where I've previously served as the chief of community building, when I was thinking about opportunities to be able to serve our community when this opportunity came. It was a no brainer for me.

It was an opportunity for me to really continue to serve our community in a way that we could see immediate impact as we touched the thousands of residents who are in need of food insecurity. And my goal is that we're working with.

Care is not only to lead the community in serving our neighbors, but also we want to conquer that cycle of need but in doing. So we need your support and continue to support.

I want to thank metro Council for the support that you've given us throughout the years. It has been very critical at times when we needed it to most that this body has stood up and provided those resources.

And we're continuing to ask again for the continued need. Because we're seeing the, the search.

Need and demand from our neighbors, and we want to make sure that we can continue to provide for them. So, at this time, I want to say, thank you for allowing us the opportunity and to ask if there are any questions that we can share with you today.

Barbara, you're mute. Okay. Awesome.

Thank you gentlemen, you thanking us Thank you.

Everybody does is really life saving work and I just cannot express gratitude for you all.

But I'm here to give you flowers, I also got to write on your parade a little bit. So criticism I hear a lot about there that cares that you put quantity over quality. Could you respond to that? And also just speak about how you ensure that the food is of quality before you serve it.

Yes. That's a great question. 1 of the things I know that Derek has been really focused on is the quality of food that we actually put getting out in the community. 1 of the things we take. Great. We take great measures in terms of examining the food as it comes into.

Our warehouse, and as it goes out the door, we also provide opportunities for our partner agencies. They're thoroughly trained in food safety.

So they are recognizing in terms of when food needs to be discarded as a result of not something that they would eat.

And that's 1 of the things that we really pride ourselves on is the ability to be able to have that in the culture in terms of which we serve. And the people that are serving with us that we want to make sure that what we're giving out. We would eat in our own homes and we do.

Have that opportunity to be able to do that and so we ensure the best ways we can now.

Is it a perfect system by no means there are times when things do get slide through the cracks we want to hear about it immediately and we address it immediately was not that too long ago,

when I had just started in the position that we received some information as related to some outdated food as really, and it did not look appear to be edible. And so I immediately responded to that with our.

Team got the information contacted and follow up with the person that received this food and found out why, how did that happen and so we're continuing to do that every day.

Thank you just a few more questions, your July 2020 to June 2021, financial summary of a 12.7Million contributions and grants.

Could you give us a breakdown of what's from the federal government versus the state government versus local government? And even a breakdown between which state government in which localities since you serve over a dozen counties in 2 different states.

Well, I'm glad to have our CFO here, Daniel, and he'll be glad to share it with you.

Thank you for the question. So we have a variety of funding sources to the constitute our funding and there's both just for the general public.

There is cash funding itself and then there's, uh, produce commodity funding, uh, and donated goods and so forth.

So, uh, there is a value placed on that and our financials reflect that value of the donated food in addition to the cash funding that that you're discussing.

So, in combination.

The donations come, primarily from individuals, philanthropic and corporate fields,

the governmental funding that we had and have in our most recent budget stands at just under 1.2 Million of that budget that you spoke of. That's in our current, approximately 10% on the cash funding side.

And then local Metro is going to support her at a 200,000 dollar level. We have worked with. dollar level we have worked with

The surrounding counties as well.

And have a variety of grants that are available to us they tend to be partnerships and many times those surrounding counties will fund our partners.

We talked about our network, which relieves some of the stress for us, because they are directly purchasing in their, their home county. So, it is a, a system, not just dare to care itself.

Do you have a target number? I know you're talking about the state essentially defunding some of the work you do. If only 10% of your funding currently comes from government.

We know the need is grown. So, are you thinking you want 15% now? 20%? What would be the ideal number?

Well, I'm going to give you a non financial answer. The ideal number would not have any unmet need and so that's what we're speaking about other programs as well. Because a household budget is more than just the food budget itself. There, tax credits.

There are things that can support a household budget so ideally, we would not have a meal gap so it's not necessarily a percentage. That's a dollar percentage. The commodity program.

Can rise and fall, depending on what the farm bill does and what nature does.

In terms of what we received, so there is not a set mix. We want our partners to be strong. We want to be strong ourselves.

And we would love to fundraise out. I believe the letter that we sent earlier to both the council and the mayor indicates the need is much greater than what our ask is in the plan is to fundraise out the rest of that need.

22 more really simple questions. 1 is around your map.

I'm assuming you're connected with 211 as a service that gets.

Reference when people call for food I remember I called brother James not too long ago saying it is this all you got to Russell, because I think the map wasn't updated. Can we make sure that that's updated? Just so those folks have needs and they come to us, we're able to give them accurate information.

Absolutely, I think 1 of the items that we're looking at is to potentially have a redo of our website to make it easier to access resources. And then the last question which you didn't mention the grocery store concept.

Yes, do we have a price range for that yet? You know, what's the status of that project? Part of the 1st, steps for us is is really talking with our neighbors. Part of the grant that I've mentioned that.

We just recently received is really doing some focus groups in helping to understand what the need is and what they specific what our neighbors are specifically asking for,

in terms of how we structure these what we are calling these model food pantries that are set up like, grocery stores.

But, again, we don't want to come in and just put something together based on what we think we want to hear from our neighbors. And that's part of what we're doing now and assessing that information. We was just awarded the grant at the latter part of last year.

So we put together internal team in both external opportunities for 3rd parties to do the surveying and the focus groups with us in the community.

to begin to put together the infrastructure to build out these much needed.

Model pantries throughout the community 1 of the things we're wanting to palate during that time and that's a lot of the focus is going to be around in the most underserved areas. How do we build put in a pallet?

That will be able to serve these areas and so we'll be getting that information and I'll be glad to forward that to you,

as we're doing the surveys and as we're building out the infrastructure we'll have some more specific dollars in terms of what it would actually cost to to build this infrastructure out.

Thank you so much also announcement. I'd like to amend my, my government answer. I grabbed a year to date a budget number, the full annual budgets, a little under 1.8000.

Governmental right.

Thank you, um, council and Hawkins.

Thank you I want to say that I'm going to be a yes on this and I'm going to solidify why.

Already that occurs in my district, been a friendly neighbor. I see the things that they do daily.

They go over and beyond, I do remember when the power was out, they call me at the council person. Like, hey, we got to keep this food. Good. That was I mean, they are.

Probably 1 of the best neighbors that I've had in the last 15 years.

Over there, I have a few businesses over there. I'm knee deep in the community and I will say this, because I'm big on advocating, uh.

Or things that I actually see.

People whose boots are to the ground. I will say that I don't see this in James much.

Um, but I want to speak to because, and let me explain why I don't see him because he has multiple hubs that he oversees, but I want to speak to someone that doesn't look like me.

And that statement, Stan, could you please stand up and come to the podium? Please? Um.

He deals with a under served community, the same community that I deal with the same people that I deal with. And that is not easy test.

He's been a friendly neighbor I've seen him do a lot of things that I'm not able to do as much anymore,

because I'm not right there in that corridor and I'm speaking for district 1.

These guys have went over and beyond multiple times outside of their scope of work.

You find people that will give you.

And people that's willing to come to work to get a paycheck.

But it's not about a paycheck.

For these guys, especially this 1, right here. Um.

He puts in time sometimes over time and he always.

Always context the constituents.

Context me, and I just want to say, thank you.

Thank you for, um, helping my area.

That's been well preserved until data cart came in and help bridge the gap.

Of the things that I've tried to do before I set on this council seat.

And it's not easy I just want to say, thank you and I'm definitely going to support this. And I hope that my colleagues who also.

Thank you, uh, uh, uh, ITC ROI.

I don't care if a woman saying speaking, I was just going to say, usually when I'm called to the podium, I'm in trouble.

So this was no, thank you. And it's an honor to be a part of their to keep.

Thanks, Dave I think Stan and I go way back. So thank you.

That's a woman Betsy Roy.

Okay, thank you. I just wanted to know where do you source your food from? Is it coming from, like, Kroger warehouses or where is it coming from? We have multiple sources in terms of which we get food.

We get donated food through federal government initiatives and programs. We also have a retail program that we are able to get donated food through the larger retailers like Walmart, Kroger publics.

And so we have a variety of sources in terms that we are able to bring food in.

To the community.

Is that it, uh, you have any more comments.

That was all Thank you. Okay. Thank you. I had a couple of questions that I just 1 is.

Before I ask is anybody else have anything to say.

Okay, fair enough. Uh, what is your biggest challenge today? Addressing the rise and food? Insecurity?

Yeah, I think that the biggest challenge that we have today is is this search that we're experiencing right now?

Um, when we think about the increase of 40% increase, we're seeing more of a need today than we've seen that we saw during the pandemic, which no, I was forecasting this.

Great need that we're seeing today because no I forecasted the inflation that we would see as well as in gas prices and the transportation. And so the immediate relief in terms of of what we need is resources. resources

More resources to be able to purchase more food for our neighbors who are in me, who are in need right now.

Uh, I other thing, what do we have other nonprofits to work with you or some of the nonprofits that you work with.

Yes, with the nonprofits that we work with, we have over 300 partner agencies that we work with another nonprofits, uh, to give an example how we work efficiently with our nonprofits doing the power outage.

We were able to work with the whole bus.

They were able to come and secure over a 1000 hot meals that they provided to the community through that bus and they was they was able to drive into areas typically, where we did not have a partner. partner

And so that gave us an opportunity to be able to be represented in an underserved area, but as well as being able to work with the partner to provide them resources to be able to serve the community and doing it.

Well, we have other partners that we work with the area community ministries that are represented in several council districts that cover that they are real critical partners as it relates to food pantries and food distribution that we're able to get out through

our partners there. So.

Or other partners we have throughout the community are really critical in the growth and development of being able to serve on our neighbors. And me.

Okay, thank you. Is there anyone else that has same thing to say.

If not, I'll tell you a little bit about my food pantry.

Most of, you know, I have a full pantry that I serve on the 2nd, Monday of the month and I'm inviting every 1 of you to come out.

And participate, or whatever is usually from 10 to 12 and what we do, we, we get our food from there to care and we box it up.

Uh, you should get the boxes ready on that Saturday and all the canned goods and all that Monday. We put in the meat in the vegetables and the bread and all of that. And as the cars come through the parking lot.

We just put the boxes in their cars so nobody comes inside. We just put the boxes in each car as it goes through.

It's a really neat program that we have. We have lots of volunteers from a 2nd, Chris, um, 2nd, Presbyterian down on brownsburg road.

They come out and have box it up and it's really a good thing for the community. This past Monday. We ran out of food and we had to go back in and make more boxes up.

It's not that we actually ran out, but we ran out of boxes. So it's a really good organization that would dare to care.

And now the way we set ours up, this is probably different than others.

The mayor has come out, do a Thanksgiving and help put turkeys in the cars as they come through the new mayor has the old mayor has.

The chief of police has been there, so we've had lots of people come out and I'm inviting.

All of you to come out on any 2nd, Tuesday at the month.

And just see the things that we do in the community and how many people are actually land.

India trail, I assume town, I'm out there directing traffic because there's a need in the community and people are there to get food.

And just recently with the storm, and I'll, there was so many people that didn't have food. And there actually.

Summer a mobile pantry over to the community center so they had.

They were able to get food at the mobile pantry also. So there's a need in this community and every year doing budget tan.

I'm usually big, so, uh, councilman Hawkins expecting you to help me big because useless to me and Jessica green begging for money for their care. So, just putting that out there.

But this is not, um, this is just a special discussion is we won't be voting on it. And so also, if we're not if we finished with Derek care.

I want to move on to ask 1 more time if anybody have anything else to say about dare to care.

Does anybody want to volunteer say I want to volunteer to go out there with you? Nobody's saying that I see. You know, I'll be out there, which you don't do it. Okay. Yeah Vincent his last name anyway I just would like to say again.

I just really want to think you want to think this committee, you know, for giving us the time to really share about a critical need in our community.

You know, if it had not been for the partners like counseling, Shankland, church and many other churches, houses of faith.

Community and community based organizations, we couldn't serve our community the way we do and it's through the support of this council and many other donors that we're able to touch lives every day and really see a change.

There's a lot of initiatives and programs that I've been a part of where you didn't know if he was impacting a life or not. We get to be we're able to see the immediate gratification when

we're able to hand our neighbors, some resources and food, which is a basic human right.

That everyone should have yet. And the wealthiest country in the world that don't.

Have it, but we get an opportunity to serve and not only do we want to serve the food, but we want to conquer the cycle of need and addressing those root causes as to why people in these conditions to begin with.

And again, I just want to say, thank you for the opportunity to be able to share today and to be able to talk about a very passionate and critical need that I have and we have in this community. Thank you so much. Thank you. And also I meant to say.

Now, we have good food that we give out this week passed.

We gave out a re of spirit and you'd be surprised how long that line was. And I think last month we gave out.

Laughs details that was part of the food that we got from dirty care. So it's not like they're getting just old food that was thrown away bad food or whatever. The people that come through my land.

They get good food get hams turkeys.

Whatever they have, they seen in, uh, that people really appreciate it.

So we want to thank you for being here and you can become any time. You're welcome to come anytime you've got updates or whatever just let us know.

Okay, thank you before we leave.

I got a call from a counselor. Uh, so.

baker's office in is here.

And she wants to talk about the.

Uh, street name, so, Council, I mean, can you read the resolution again?

Yes, ma'am item number 3 our dash 031 dash 23 a resolution honoring miss Anna Woodbridge by dedicating the corner of South clay street and camp street bridge way in her honor. in her honor

Thank you, man clerk showing up do you want to discuss it? Please.

Sure, thank you again for giving the opportunity to read this and I got my committee meetings mixed up. I was going to read and the resolution.

A resolution honoring this Anna Woolridge by dedicating the corner of South clay street and camp street as Anna Woolridge way in her honor.

Sponsored by council member, Philip Baker, whereas miss Anna Woolridge was president of a Shelby Park neighborhood association from 2006 to 2011.

Whereas, prior to being president of her neighborhood association, miss Woolridge ran a summer program.

From the shelter and Shelby part for the neighborhood children, serving free lunches to the community and whereas in May 2006 miss Woolridge graduated from the citizens police academy, and then served on the 4th division.

I'm sorry excuse me the 4th district advisory board for several years. for several years

And whereas miss Woolridge served as president of the Shelby Park neighborhood, football league and whereas in the small rich served as president of the local coalition of neighborhoods in 2009,

and whereas miss Woolridge has volunteered with new directions and project. directions and project

Projects warm programs and whereas this wall ridge is 1 of the 1st people to attend and graduate from the neighborhood Institute. A program designed to increase participation of residents in their local community.

Whereas MS rich has been on the block watch. Excuse me has been the block watch captain for the 600 block of camp street for as long as anyone can remember.

Whereas miss Woolridge is recognized and admired as a fearless woman who refused to let that Shelby Park neighborhood association die. She loves her neighborhood, and she'll be parked with her whole heart.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the legislative council of global Jefferson County, Metro government, as follows.

Section 1, and a Woolridge dedicated service annual, just dedicated service and commitment to global Metro is hereby recognize with the placement of an honorary street sign on South clay street and camp street.

Local Kentucky, and so designated as Anna Woolridge way.

Section 2, the Department of public works is here by directed to move forward with fabrication and installation of the honorary street sign up on the passage of this resolution and the receipt of funds to cover the expense.

In section 3, the resolutions shall take effect upon its passage and approval or otherwise becoming law.

And we were aiming to have the, um, sign unveiling celebrations, miss Woolridge on April 12th at 330 P. M.

Thank you all soon and 2nd, do I have a motion in a 2nd motion?

Resolution do I have a 2nd. Okay.

Thank you do we have anyone that you have any concerns questions?

Interest.

This will go to the consent calendar. So I think everything we had today is going to the consent calendar so with no other business.

We are adjourned, thank you. Thank you.