

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 2, 2012

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: RASHAD M. YOUNG, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO #63: COMMUNITY LODGINGS FUNDING

The purpose of this memo is to respond to a request for information from Mayor Euille regarding the proposed reduction in funds to Community Lodgings, Inc.

In November 2005, City Council appropriated \$63,250 from City Council Contingent Reserves to Community Lodgings. The organization had requested \$126,500 to address "a short-term financial shortfall" in a letter to City Council, dated September 23, 2005. The FY 2007 Proposed Budget included supplemental funding of \$63,250, in case Community Lodging, Inc., was unable to rectify the financial shortfall situation.

This funding has continued to be included and expended in the budget through FY 2012, but is proposed for elimination in FY 2013. There are several non-profit organizations providing transitional housing for Alexandria, but Community Lodging, Inc., is the only homeless services agency receiving a non-competitive outlay. These funds are not associated with any specific targets associated with Community Lodging, Inc., but are used for general operations. In contrast, the City currently provides funding for the Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless (AACH), Carpenter's Shelter's Transitional Housing programs and multi-agency collaborative initiative that includes Community Lodging, ALIVE and Friends of Guest House through the Alexandria Fund for Human Services.

The elimination of the non-competitive funding for Community Lodging, Inc. provides for equal treatment of the transitional housing non-profit organizations. Budget memorandum #62 provides additional information on City Council's request regarding contracting directly for certain programs and services that are currently funded through the Alexandria Fund for Human Services.