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Sioux City Gets \$360K to Aid Homeless Services

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Sioux City’s council has voted to accept over \$360,000 in federal grants intended to strengthen local programs that serve individuals experiencing homelessness.

During Monday’s meeting, the Sioux City City Council authorized the acceptance of several funding sources to expand resources aimed at addressing the area’s persistent homelessness challenges. A significant portion of the funds, about \$125,000, is designated

for The Warming Shelter, an emergency facility that offers temporary refuge to people who have nowhere else to go.

This grant stems from the city's allocation of a federal Coronavirus relief block grant distributed through the state by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In addition to that funding, the council approved roughly \$197,000 under the Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry grant, which is part of a federally backed initiative to streamline access to housing assistance. Another grant of approximately \$45,000 from the Homeless Management Information System will help improve data tracking and service coordination.

Mayor Bob Scott emphasized that these funds are meant to complement the work already being done by city staff and local organizations. "We have a lot of people in the city government who are working on homeless issues," Scott said. "Those funds will supplement what they're doing." The mayor noted that securing this support was made easier because the Warming Shelter has already proven its value in the community.

The Warming Shelter provides a critical safety net during harsh weather and serves as a temporary lifeline for individuals seeking stability. While these grants are expected to reinforce existing efforts, officials indicated that longer-term solutions will still require careful management and community engagement.