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Housing First Alliance of Craig (HFAC) and HomewardBound of the Grand Valley (HBGV) is providing this update to the City Council of Craig to ensure the Council is informed of our activities.

- HBGV, on behalf of HFAC, received a \$691,900.83 grant award of ESG-CV2.2 funds. This award is from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs/Office of Homeless Initiatives using Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) COVID dollars. This award includes funds for the emergency shelter, HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) data collection and administration (salaries and case management). The contract portion will likely be complete by June and able to draw funds by July.
- HFAC is actively seeking a suitable site to serve families within the City limits. The grant funds can be used for rental payments, limited rehabilitation, but not to purchase a facility.
- Hannah Wood, the Executive Director of HFAC is participating in a Executive Director Boot Camp training conducted by Third Sector Innovations, a consulting firm that has been an integral component of HBGV's fundraising success and staff development.
- Now that HFAC has its non-profit status and the ESG-CV2.2 award, HBGV is grant writing for additional dollars for the facility and its operations.
- Data collection is underway from partners to build a case for support for the need to house homeless families. This is necessary for funders.

HFAC and HBGV would like an opportunity to meet with Council soon, preferably in a work session. Open and honest communication about the plans HFAC has as well as the concerns the Council might have are key for the success of this effort. Please contact Hannah Wood from HFAC, hgwood8@gmail.com, or Bill Wade from HBGV, wwade@hbqv.org with any questions.

