



Kudos to our elected officials, including the mayor and county commissioners, for engaging in a partnership with some in the private sector to address the problem of homelessness as described in "Advocates fight to break homeless cycle" (front page, May 29).

It is fiscally appropriate for our government to give assistance to citizens experiencing hard times, and to help those unable to help themselves. We expect our government officials to be frugal, which doesn't mean that the role of government is to act like a business and turn a profit. Our government is funded by us taxpayers in order to provide services on our collective behalf, including helping ensure our security, peace, tranquility and general welfare.

The libertarian Cato Institute believes that using public funds to help the homeless repeats a mistake governments have made for decades. Ebenezer Scrooge was a Libertarian before his epiphany on Christmas Eve.

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