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TO: CDBG Committee Members
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RE: Accepting a HUD Continuum of Care planning grant in the amount of \$38,739 and amending the City's contract with the Corporation for Supportive Housing to include the grant award for the purpose of updating the *Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in Dane County*.

In January of 2015, the City was notified by HUD of an award of \$38,739 to be used for planning activities on behalf of the Madison/Dane Continuum of Care (CoC). The City, as the Collaborative Applicant for the CoC, applied for this funding as part of a 2014 application for HUD CoC Homeless Assistance funds.

The City of Madison Community Development Division, in partnership with the Dane County CoC, proposes to use the \$38,789 planning award to update the *Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in Dane County*. First developed in 2006 through a year-long effort by the Homeless Services Consortium (HSC), and then updated in 2011, the plan created a blueprint for ending homelessness. Its original vision has remained unchanged, "All households in Dane County should have the opportunity to secure and maintain safe, stable affordable housing". The current plan includes three primary goals: 1) Provide support services to homeless and at-risk households to enable them to access and maintain stable housing; 2) Provide a housing safety net with a move to stable housing as quickly as possible; and 3) Provide an adequate inventory of affordable housing units whether by creating new units or making existing units affordable.

Using the recently awarded HUD planning funds, the City Community Development Division proposes to award a contract to complete an update of the plan to the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH). The CSH is currently under contract with the City for other homeless-related planning activities funded by a 2014 HUD planning grant. That work is being closely coordinated with the Homeless Services Consortium, including its board of directors. CSH staff is in the process of completing a final written report for the project that includes an analysis of transitional housing units and a systems map.

The CSH proposal for this additional project includes a day and a half long charrette that would bring together a wide cross-section of community stakeholders interested in eliminating homelessness as well as a number of outside experts as panelists. CSH staff would use information gained during the charrette as the foundation for developing an updated *Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in Dane County*. The proposed project timeline is June to November 2015.

Homeless Services Consortium members have been involved in discussions regarding hiring the Corporation for Supportive Housing to complete the plan update. In addition, United Way of Dane County has agreed to participate and contribute an additional \$5,000 to the contract, bringing total available funds to \$43,739. The HSC board will meet on June 26, 2015 to consider a formal recommendation to use the \$38,739 in HUD planning grant funding to contract with CSH for the purpose of updating the *Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in Dane County*.

Approval of resolution #38654 will authorize City CDD staff to amend the City's 2014 contract with the Corporation for Supportive Housing to include an update of the *Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in Dane County*. The project would be expected to start in June 2015 and be complete by November of 2015.