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From: Sarah Lim, Community Development Specialist

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Re: Amending YWCA Madison's contract for Emergency Solutions Grant, Housing Assistance Program, Homeless Prevention Program (EHH) for additional \$3,356

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The State of Wisconsin EHH grant combines HUD Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), State of Wisconsin Housing Assistance Program (HAP) and Homeless Prevention Program (HPP) and supports various aspects of homeless services in Madison and Dane County, including emergency shelter, street outreach, homeless prevention, and rapid rehousing programs. The State Department of Administration Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources ("the State") annually distributes available funds among four Wisconsin Continua of Care (CoC): Dane, Milwaukee, Racine, and Balance of State CoCs.

The City of Madison Community Development Division serves as the Dane CoC's lead applicant and submits, on its behalf, an annual consolidated application to the State. The Dane CoC Board of Directors is responsible for making funding allocation decisions for inclusion in the consolidated application.

The Dane CoC was awarded a total of \$594,270 in EHH funds for the 2018-2019 grant cycle with a grant period of 7/1/18-9/30/19 and the Common Council authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute contracts with the State and the selected homeless services agencies.

One of the contracted homeless services agencies was The Road Home Dane County (TRH), which intended to provide case management services at Healing House, a new family medical shelter developed by Madison Urban Ministry. However, due to the delay in rehab construction, Healing House opened its door in July 2019, several months behind its original schedule. The Road Home was not able to expend the full funds allocated to the program because of the short operating period and projected they will not be able spend \$3,356 by the end of the grant period.

The CoC is able to reallocate the funds to a different agency to avoid sending unspent funds back to the State. The Dane County CoC Board of Director's Executive Committee approved the City's proposal to reallocate the funds to YWCA Madison, which also serves families experiencing homelessness and did not receive the full funding amount they requested in the application. The funds will be used for utility and maintenance cost of their family shelter.