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From: Sarah Lim, Community Development Specialist

Date: June 26, 2019

Re: Emergency Solutions Grant, Housing Program, Homeless Prevention Program (EHH)

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. Funding allocations among the CoCs are determined based on a formula that considers various factors including Point in Time counts, poverty and unemployment rates, and system performance.

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 \$603,960 in EHH funds for the 2019-2020 grant cycle, along with an additional \$35,790 in supplemental 2018-2019 funding. Following the notice of award, the City will enter into contracts with the nonprofit agencies to provide the activities approved by the Dane CoC Board of Directors.

Attached is the list of projects approved by the Dane CoC Board of Directors. Notable changes from the previous year include the following: 1) special allocation funding for a new rapid resolution (diversion) program at the Catholic Charities’ Beacon targeting people who are newly homeless and currently do not have an access to diversion resources (primarily single men); and 2) increased funding for Tenant Resource Center’s eviction prevention program.

CDD staff seeks 1) authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute contracts with the State and with the selected homeless services agencies upon an award of funds to the Dane CoC, and 2) approval of an amendment to the 2019 CDD operating budget to reflect the receipt of EHH funds.

Supplemental 2018-2019 EHH funds (\$35,790)

(covers the period from July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019)

- **Institute for Community Alliances, Inc.** – Up to an additional \$8,000 (ESG) for HMIS Lead Agency services, including Wisconsin ServicePoint (WISP) training and support.
- **Porchlight, Inc.** – Up to an additional \$7,835 (ESG) for Men's Drop-In Shelter Operations.
- **The Salvation Army Dane County** – Up to an additional \$10,684 (ESG) for Single Women Rapid Rehousing rent assistance and case management; and up to an additional \$1,781 (ESG) for Medical Shelter Vouchers.
- The City's **Community Development Division** will continue to administer the above contracts and will retain up to an additional \$7,490 of the ESG funds for administration costs associated with contract management.

2019-2020 EHH funds (\$603,960)

(covers the period from July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020)

- **Briarpatch Youth Services, Inc.** – Up to \$25,000 (ESG) for Youth Street Outreach to provide outreach and supportive services for homeless youth; and up to \$22,500 (HAP) for the Transitional Living Program, which provides supportive services for homeless youth between 18-21 years of age.
- **Catholic Charities** – Up to \$40,000 (ESG) for a Rapid Resolution pilot program at The Beacon.
- **Institute for Community Alliances, Inc.** – Up to \$5,700 (ESG) for HMIS Lead Agency services, including Wisconsin ServicePoint (WISP) training and support.
- **Porchlight, Inc.** – Up to \$25,000 (ESG) to provide case management services to guests at the Men's Drop-In Shelter.
- **The Road Home Dane County, Inc.** – Up to \$15,000 (HAP) to provide case management services to formerly homeless families living at The Breese Apartments.
- **The Salvation Army Dane County** – Up to \$25,000 (ESG) for Family Shelter to provide case management for homeless family shelter guests; up to \$25,000 (ESG) for Single Women's Shelter to provide case management for homeless single women shelter guests; up to \$70,000 (ESG) for Rapid Rehousing case management and rent subsidies for homeless families; up to \$75,790 (\$24,462 ESG plus \$51,328 HPP) for Rapid Rehousing case management and rent subsidies for homeless single women; and up to \$10,000 (ESG) to provide motel vouchers for homeless persons with medical needs that cannot be accommodated in traditional shelter.
- **Tenant Resource Center, Inc.** – Up to \$12,000 (ESG) for Housing Mediation Services at the Small Claims Court; up to \$124,627 (\$67,555 ESG plus \$57,072 HPP) for Eviction Prevention Clinic to provide direct rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services to prevent homelessness; and up to \$105,183 (\$45,183 ESG plus \$47,500 HPP plus \$12,500 HAP) for Rapid Rehousing case management and rent subsidies for homeless single adults.

- **YWCA of Madison, Inc.** – Up to \$10,000 (ESG) for Family Shelter operations.
- The City's **Community Development Division** will administer the above contracts and will retain up to \$13,160 of the ESG funds for administration costs associated with contract management.