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To: Board of Estimates
From: Laura Noel, Community Services Program Coordinator.
Date: 6/5/2015
Re: Substitute Language for CDD Funding Process Resolution # 38456

Please find attached proposed additional and substitute language for CDD Funding Process Resolution #38456, and the 2016 Plans for Community Development Division provision of Adult Senior and Crisis Support Services. There are three changes being proposed. One affects the resolution itself the two others address language in the RFP documents for Crisis Support and Senior Adult Services.

1) The proposed **change to the resolution** itself inserts a WHEREAS clause to clarify language regarding accessibility of new funds in the funding process for 2016. This change was recommended by alder Shiva Bidar-Sielaff and recommended by the Community Services Committee. This WHEREAS clause is to be inserted just before the final WHEREAS in the original resolution. The proposed language follows:

“WHEREAS, opportunities to request new funds will be limited to proposals responding to the goals and objectives laid out in the RFP for senior adults or crisis support services, and in response to any additional targeted initiatives authorized by the Mayor and Common Council. In either case, all proposals would likely be supported with new funds.”

2) The proposed **change to the Crisis Support Service RFP** modifies the wording of a Crisis Support service objective regarding expectations for culturally and linguistically responsive service delivery. This change was recommended by alder Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, recommended by the Community Services Committee and later endorsed by the CDBG Committee.

Current Language:

All people regardless of English language skills* or cultural background have access to a continuum of crisis support services that are culturally and linguistically responsive from point of first contact and assessment through provision of services.

Crisis support service organizations work collaboratively to improve the continuum of crisis services.

**Priority languages include, but are not limited to: English, Spanish, Hmong and communication access for deaf and hearing impaired individuals. Access for clients speaking other languages that are less prevalent in Madison must also be addressed.*

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Proposed:

Madison residents have access to a continuum of crisis support services that are culturally and linguistically responsive, from point of first contact and assessment through provision of services.

Crisis support service organizations work collaboratively to improve the continuum of crisis services.

3) The proposed **change to the Senior Adult RFP** modifies the definition of the target population for senior case management services to better align with program parameters in services which are funded by both the City and Dane County. This change was recommended by CDD staff following a recent conversation with staff counterparts at Dane County Human Services. This change was endorsed by the CDBG Committee.

Current Language:

Madison senior adults below 240% of the federal poverty level (FPL) have access to case management services.

[Note: For 2015, the FPL for a one person household is \$28,248 annually and for a two person household is \$38,232.]

Proposed:

Madison senior adults of low- and moderate-incomes will have access to case management services.

[Note: City and County will align functional definitions of low to moderate income for this service population]

The first two items were recommended as changed by the Community Services Committee at their March 25, 2015 meeting. The CDBG Committee endorsed those two changes and the change recommended by CDD staff at their meeting June 4, 2015.