

**CDD Peer Support RFP Process**  
**CDD Recommendations to CSC Committee**  
**October 18, 2017**

**Peer Support Crisis Response Program:**

The conclusion of the staff review group assembled by the Community Development Division to evaluate responses to the Peer Support RFP is that the proposal put forth by Nehemiah and the Focused Interruption Coalition (FIC) leverages the expertise, experience and community connections that these organizations offer and that these would be invaluable to an effective Crisis Response Peer Support program. The group also believes it is important that Nehemiah/FIC receive the additional time, technical assistance and resources needed to further develop and strengthen the organizational capacities and systems critical to sustaining such a program. For example, time and resources should be dedicated to clarification and formalization of relationships, responsibilities and program design between community stakeholders including Nehemiah, Focused Interruption Coalition, UW Health, Madison Police Department, City/County Public Health and the Mayor's Rapid Response Team and clarification of staffing structure and related budget.

Therefore, it is recommended that up to \$150,000 in 2017, and up to \$200,000 in 2018, be offered to Nehemiah and its partners for the provision of peer support services under the Crisis Response part of the Peer Support Initiative. It is further recommended that funds provided in 2017 be primarily used for expenses associated with program development and organizational capacity building. The scope of these expenses to be detailed by contract, will include such things as:

- Expenses incurred between November 1 and December 31, 2017 related to the provision of contracted services
- Costs related to staff training and certification
- Costs to retain the services of one or more third party subject matter experts with experience in peer support programming and/or organizational capacity building,
- Costs to purchase financial or client management software
- Costs to acquire technology tools to support the program

CDD will work with Nehemiah and its partners to develop a timeline and deliverables for this stage of funding but the goal would be to largely complete these tasks by end of February 2018.

CDD will make available up to \$200,000 for 2018 expenses incurred upon completion and approval of the previously described developmental work.

**Peer Support Reentry Program**

With respect to the provision of peer support services with the goal of reducing the rate of recidivism among persons returning to the community from incarceration, the consensus within the review panel is to award up to \$150,000 in 2017, and up to \$200,000 in 2018, to Madison area Urban Ministry. Funds made available in 2017 could be used for CDD approved expenses incurred in operational and startup expenses related to the proposed programs. The scope of these expenses, to be detailed by contract, will include such things as:

- Expenses incurred between November 1 and December 31, 2017 related to the provision of contracted services
- Staff costs incurred in November or December 2017 that are related to collaborative discussions needed to adjust proposed activities due to reduced funding availability
- Costs of training and certification of Peer Support Specialists (and travel related to that training)
- Purchase of equipment needed to run proposed programs
- Limited purchase of technology tools to support the programs

CDD will make up to \$200,000 available for expenses incurred in providing the proposed 2018 Peer Support Program.

**Development of the Reentry Network**

Both contracts will include language calling on the contracted agencies to work together to establish or contribute to a formal network of providers who work with the reentry population in Madison. Within the first 6 months of these contracts the agencies will meet with CDD staff, the Mayors Crisis Response Team and other interested community partners to identify a framework or plan to support providers of re-entry services.