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From: Sarah Lim, Community Development Specialist

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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 Program (HP) 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 Continuum 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 initial 2018-2019 allocation established for the Dane CoC was \$543,480, similar to the previous year's level. The State later offered an additional \$15,000 in HP funds from other CoC's unspent funds, which raised the total award amount to \$558,480. An additional \$40,000 for bonus projects may be granted pending HUD's final ESG allocation to the State.

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.

Attached is the list of projects approved by the Dane CoC Board of Directors on June 15. Notable changes from the previous year include the following: 1) funding for two new Road Home initiatives – the provision of case management services to tenants at the recently opened The Breese Apartments, and the provision of case management services to clients at the Healing House; 2) increased funding for RRH programs serving singles; and 3) elimination of funding for three previously supported programs that did not request funds - Legal Action of Wisconsin's eviction prevention program; Porchlight's transitional housing program; and The Road Home's family shelter program.

If bonus funds are awarded, they will be used to increase funding for Tenant Resource Center's eviction prevention program and Salvation Army's RRH program for singles as well as provide new funds to Porchlight's Safe Haven day shelter case management 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 2018 CDD operating budget to reflect the receipt of EHH funds.

2018-2019 EHH Slate of Projects

- **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 \$32,500 (HP) for the Transitional Living Program which provides supportive services for homeless youth between 18-21 years of age
- **Institute for Community Alliances, Inc.** – up to \$3,900 (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. In the event the State awards up to an additional \$20,000 in bonus ESG funding to the City, those funds will go to Porchlight for case management services for guests at the Safe Haven day shelter
- **The Road Home Dane County, Inc.** – up to \$15,000 (HP) to provide case management services to formerly homeless families living at The Breese Apartments; and up to \$10,000 (ESG) to provide case management services at the Healing House to homeless families in need of a medical shelter
- **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 \$80,000 (ESG) for Rapid Rehousing case management and rent subsidies for homeless single women; and up to \$10,000 (ESG) for Medical Vouchers which provides 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 \$72,237 (ESG) and up to \$57,698 (HPP) for Eviction Prevention Clinic to provide direct rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services to prevent homelessness, up to \$47,500 (ESG) and up to \$47,500 (HPP) for Rapid Rehousing case management and rent subsidies for homeless single adults
- **YWCA of Madison, Inc.** – up to \$10,000 (ESG) for Family Shelter operation
- **City of Madison** – up to \$10,145 for administration of the EHH program