



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

Costs of the projects and portions of program administration will be covered by the grant, and administered through a segregated fund. Expenses will not be counted toward the State expenditure control limits.

Title

Authorizing the City to accept an Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) award from the State of Wisconsin, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign agreements with various agencies to implement projects as part of the ESG award. (2008/06-F)

Body

BACKGROUND

The City of Madison has worked closely for twenty-five years with a group of community-based non-profit agencies that provide services and housing to homeless people and people at risk of becoming homeless. This cooperation involves City sponsorship and administration of an annual application to the State of Wisconsin for Federal Emergency Shelter Grant funds for various projects. The goals of these projects are to help prevent homelessness, to provide essential services like case management or counseling, or to improve housing and shelter operations. The grant is a competitive one, open to all Wisconsin communities. This year, the City was able to obtain \$397,413 for 12 projects plus an \$8,200 administrative fee.

AGENCIES

The cooperating agencies include the following non-profits, each of which serve a particular homeless population group or offer a specialized approach or set of services to strengthen the continuum of care for homeless people within the community:

Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin-Briarpatch Division, Community Action Coalition, Interfaith Hospitality Network, The Salvation Army, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Tellurian, Tenant Resource Center, Porchlight, Inc., Dane County Parent Council and the YWCA.

ACTION

Whereas, the Common Council has adopted a five-year Community and Neighborhood Development Plan which identifies homelessness as a critical issue within the community, and outlines a set of strategies and priorities to address those problems using community-based groups, and whereas the Council has accepted a Community Plan to Reduce Homelessness;

Whereas, the Common Council authorized application for ESG/THP and other state funds as part of the adoption of the year 2008 budget, but specific funding priorities and projects were unavailable at the time of the adoption of the budget because the State decides to wait to set its priorities until after Congressional adoption of a Federal budget; and

Whereas, the CD staff has met with these agencies and jointly developed a prioritized list of projects for submission to the State for funding; and

Whereas, the CD Office has reviewed these proposals to ascertain their rating according to the following criteria: Continuum of Care Consortium rating and involvement; organizational capacity, experience, and

compliance with financial standards through independent reviews or audits; client surveys and participation; project readiness, cost effectiveness, match and spending patterns; Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Common Council approve the following list of projects for application to the State of Wisconsin, authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the State for acceptance of the funds, and enter into agreements with the following agencies to implement the projects:

AGENCY / PROGRAM

NARRATIVE

2008 DOLLAR AWARDED

Community Action Coalition for South Central WI / Rentable Program

Financial assistance to pay back rent, first months rent, and on-going rental subsidies.

\$226,200

Community Action Coalition for South Central WI / Case Management

Case manager to assist households to obtain and/or maintain stable housing

\$10,000

Dane County Parent Council / Hope House Case Management (Shelter & Support Services)

Hope House is an Early Head Start (EHS) project of Dane County Parent Council, serving 12 - 15 homeless families a year, specifically women and babies, for up to 3 months and beyond. Grant will provide case management services including in-kind referral employment, health, child development, education and housing search services.

\$8,974

Interfaith Hospitality Network / Shelter & Services

Shelter case management services for families with children

\$20,213

Porchlight / STABLE Program

Staff and operating costs associated with STABLE and Single Room Occupancy programs; housing and services for single adults, many AODA and mental health issues

\$33,400

The Salvation Army / Family Stabilization Mentor Program

Staff costs associated with soliciting and training volunteers as mentors to previously homeless families.

\$15,750

The Salvation Army / Medical Shelter/Vouchers

Funds is to be used for motel vouchers for clients that have medical issues that make staying in a shelter facility unmanageable for medical reasons.

\$6,000

Society for St. Vincent de Paul / Seton Houses Case Management (Shelter & Services)

Support services for single men, single women and families with children

\$10,000

Tellurian UCAN / Job Coach

Single adults, many with mental illness and/or alcohol and drug issue, who are participating in Transitional Housing Program will receive assistance in gaining employment.

\$24,000

Tenant Resource Center / Housing Mediation Program

Provide tenant landlord mediation for eviction cases in order to help prevent homelessness due to untimely eviction.

\$10,163

Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin

Services include temporary housing (for up to 14 days in volunteer host homes), counseling, outreach, information, referral, and case management for homeless youth under the age of 18.

\$10,000

YWCA of Madison / Second Chance Tenant Education Workshop

Costs of providing program including staff costs

\$22,713

City of Madison / Administration

\$8,200

TOTAL \$405,613

NOTE: Complete Project Proposals are available in the Council Office or from the CD Office by calling 267-0740.