



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The additional funding of \$168,300 to support these programs in 2013 will be offset by the receipt of \$418,000 in unanticipated revenues. The City recently received a payment of \$418,000 as payback for a WHEDA-administered Housing Development Grant made to Cardinal Associates of Madison LLC in 1986. The scheduled loan repayment was 2016, but the loan has been paid back earlier. These revenues were not anticipated as part of the 2013 adopted budget. The budget will be amended to recognize additional revenues deposited in the City General Fund, and to increase the expenditure authority in the Community Development Division budget to provide an additional \$168,300 for Community Agency contracts. There is no impact on the levy in 2013. If this additional funding were to be included in future budgets, the funding will need to be considered among other City priorities and accommodated within the City's budgeted levy limits as required by the State, and subject to Common Council approval. The 2013 budget will be amended as follows:

(\$168,300) GN01-78890-000000 Increase General Fund Revenues - Miscellaneous
\$168,300 GN01-54920-274000 Increase CDD Expenditures for Community Agency Contracts

Title

AMENDED Authorizing the City of Madison, through the Community Development Division, to amend various purchase of service contracts for the expansion of a youth employment initiatives to be implemented in June 2013 and amending the City operating budget as appropriate.

Body

WHEREAS, federal statistics indicate that the recession has affected youth more severely than any other demographic - recent U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics figures put youth unemployment rates above 50%; and

WHEREAS, unemployment rates for minority youth and those from low income families are even higher and are likely to persist as more adults seek part-time low-skill jobs traditionally occupied by teens; and

WHEREAS, it serves the best interests of Madison's youth and the City to help provide youth with positive work histories and experiences, develop employment skills, increase family incomes for a significant number of low income youth, positively influence youth academic success and generally improve the quality of life for these youth and their families through employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison can contribute toward achieving these goals economically and effectively through the expansion of existing purchase of service agreements with non-profit community based agencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison currently contracts with four such organizations (Commonwealth Development, Goodman Community Center, Operation Fresh Start and Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin) to provide youth employment programs through the Community Resources funding process, and each of them have demonstrated proven abilities to meet or exceed identified contract goals in compliance with City contracting processes and monitoring; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, 500 youth applied for 135 spots offered through the Commonwealth Development Youth Business Mentoring program, 100 youth applied for 20 available spots on the Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin's Madison Street Teams, and 180 youth applied for 60 available spots in Goodman's TEEN Works Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Community Development Division staff has discussed the ability to expand existing programs to cover at least 100 additional youth through these existing contracts in 2013, and the costs associated with doing so;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to amend current Purchase of Service Agreements through the Community Development Division with Common Wealth Development, Goodman Community Center, Operation Fresh Start, and Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin to serve at least 100 additional youth for the period 4/15/13 through 9/30/13; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Madison allocate \$168,300 to the following four agencies and their youth employment programs:

Commonwealth Development - **\$ 25,000**
Goodman Community Center - **\$ 47,700**
Operation Fresh Start - **\$ 53,100**
Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin - **\$ 42,500**

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City operating budget be amended to recognize \$418,000 in additional General Fund revenues and \$168,300 in additional CDD expenditure authority for its Community Agency Contracts.

Include an additional \$15,000 to be provided to Simpson Street Free Press for summer youth employment programs. Funding will be contingent on matching private dollars. Simpson Street Free Press will work with City staff to determine employment outcomes for youth employment initiative to be implemented in June 2013.