



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

Resolution RES-16-00328 (File ID 42488) authorized the City to submit an application on behalf of the Madison/Dane County Continuum of Care requesting 2016-2017 ETH grant funds to the Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources. An award letter from the State, dated June 14, 2016, announced a total award of \$547,117, including "bonus" funding. This amount will cover costs associated with local programs serving individuals and families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, as well as costs of related grant administration. Of the total award, \$11,667 will be retained by the City to defray costs associated with administering the grant. Up to \$500,000 in ETH grant revenues and commensurate expenditures was authorized in the Community Development Division's 2016 Adopted Operating Budget. Since the actual award exceeds the amount budgeted for 2016, the CDD Operating Budget requires an amendment to reflect an additional \$47,117 in grant revenues and commensurate expenditures.

Title

Authorizing the City to accept an ETH grant award from the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and the Mayor and City Clerk to execute agreements with specific agencies using these state ETH funds to serve local individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness; and amending the Community Development Division's 2016 Adopted Operating Budget to appropriate \$47,117 in federal funds within the CDD Operating Budget.

Body

BACKGROUND

Historically, the City of Madison has worked closely with a group of local community-based nonprofit agencies represented by the Dane County Continuum of Care that provide services and housing to persons who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. This work has included staff support to prepare, submit and administer an annual application to the State of Wisconsin for federal and state ETH funds.

The state Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources (DEHCR) determines ETH awards annually based on a formula that uses data from a monthly homeless census as well as data related to local poverty, unemployment and population. For 2016-2017, agencies operating within the Dane County Continuum of Care were awarded a total of \$547,117 in federal Emergency Solution Grant funds and state Transitional Housing and Homeless Prevention Program funds (known collectively as ETH).

The grant will provide funding for five program areas as identified in the ETH application: (1) homeless prevention, (2) street outreach, (3) rapid re-housing, (4) emergency shelter, (5) transitional housing, and (6) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). With authorization from the Common Council, the Community Development Division will enter into contracts with the following identified nonprofits for specifically defined services to be provided from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Briarpatch Youth Services, Inc.

- \$25,000 - Youth Street Team providing outreach workers to engage unsheltered homeless youth under age 18 and young adults; and
- \$23,100 - Transitional Living Program for Youth Adults in Co-op Housing that includes work by both Briarpatch and Madison Community Cooperative to provide housing for homeless youth between 18-21 years of age

City of Madison/CD Division

- \$11,667 - Administration associated with management of the ETH contracts

Community Action Coalition for South Central WI, Inc.

- \$66,488 - Rentable Program that aims to prevent homelessness
- \$47,000 - Rapid Re-housing for homeless single adults
- \$10,000 - Program Administration that provides financial assistance and housing stabilization services to households who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness

Institute for Community Alliances, Inc.

- \$3,900 - HMIS lead agency services including training and support associated with Wisconsin ServicePoint (WISP)

Legal Action of WI, Inc.

- \$13,700 Legal Services to prevent evictions for households at risk of homelessness

Porchlight, Inc.

- \$23,300 - STABLE Program, staff and operations to serve 12 homeless single women with substance abuse issues
- \$25,000 - Outreach to single men who are homeless as identified through the men's Drop-In Shelter

The Road Home Dane County, Inc.

- \$16,800 - Shelter Case Management for families who are homeless through the IHN Shelter Program

The Salvation Army Dane County

- \$16,800 - Shelter Case Management for families who are homeless and on the shelter waitlist
- \$18,800 - Shelter Case Management for single women who are homeless and use the Single Women's Shelter
- \$65,000 - Rapid Re-housing for families who are homeless
- \$8,500 - Vouchers that provides motel stays for persons who are homeless and have medical needs that cannot be accommodated in traditional shelter

Tenant Resource Center, Inc.

- \$11,000 - Housing Mediation
- \$27,662 - Housing Mediation Clinic that supports tenant households through mediation at Small Claims Eviction Court
- \$70,000 - Rapid Re-housing financial assistance and housing stabilization services for single adults who are homeless
- \$6,600 - Outreach to single adults who are chronically homeless

YWCA of Madison, Inc.

- \$16,800 Shelter Case Management for families who reside in emergency shelter
- \$40,000 in *Bonus* funding to hire a Housing Locator that will work with local landlords to identify rental units to house single adults who are homeless

ACTION

WHEREAS, the Common Council has adopted a five-year community and neighborhood development plan, known as the *Consolidated Plan*, which identifies homelessness as a critical issue within the community

and outlines a set of strategies and priorities to address those problems by partnering with community-based groups; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council has accepted the *Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in Dane County* which includes specific goals and objectives; and,

WHEREAS, staff of the Community Development Division worked collaboratively with local Homeless Services Consortium agencies to analyze unmet needs and jointly develop a list of projects for submission to the State for 2016-2017 ETH funds; and,

WHEREAS, at its meeting of April 21, 2016, the Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors approved the specific slate of projects described herein, to be included in the ETH 2016-2017 application; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources responded to that application on June 14, 2016 with an award of \$547,117.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes the City and its Community Development Division, on behalf of the Madison/Dane County Continuum of Care, to accept the offer of ETH funds for the projects identified in this Resolution and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute agreements with the specified nonprofit agencies to carry out the described programs and services for persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Community Development Division's 2016 Adopted Operating Budget is hereby amended to appropriate \$47,117 in federal grant revenue and corresponding expenditures (purchased services) to reflect the actual grant award.