



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The Nehemiah Pilot Program is anticipated to require \$25,000 from the contingency reserve to conduct an assessment of the needs for the homeless, jobless and disaffected population in targeted areas in downtown Madison.

Title

Declaring the City of Madison's intention to work in partnership with Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development on a targeted four month Homeless, jobless and disaffected individuals assessment Pilot Program.

Body

WHEREAS, the City of Madison is experiencing a significant increase in our homeless, jobless and disaffected individuals population that has resulted in gathering locations that have become conducive to negative behaviors and illegal activities; and

WHEREAS, due to the increase in behavioral problems, it has become a public concern particularly at specific locations downtown including the Central Library, State Street. and the front of the City County and Madison Municipal Buildings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison often works collaboratively with organizations and agencies to serve the needs of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the Nehemiah Pilot Program has the capacity and experienced professional staff to engage the homeless, jobless and disaffected individuals and social service agencies to connect individuals with resources using holistic and culturally specific strategies; and

WHEREAS, Nehemiah Pilot Program will hire four former homeless individuals to partner alongside two licensed social service staff to conduct assessments of targeted individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Nehemiah Pilot will provide a report, including a summary of findings, placements and recommendations to the City on or before January 31, 2016; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that that the City of Madison will enter into a contract with the Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development for a Pilot Program in the amount of \$25,000 to conduct an assessment of the needs of the homeless, jobless and disaffected population frequenting State Street, the City County Building, Madison Municipal Building, Central Library and other targeted areas of the downtown to determine best practices to reach this population and address existing gaps in services and to refer individuals to appropriate agencies for assistance.