



## Legislation Text

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### Fiscal Note

The Resolution authorizes specific grant agreements with various Homeless Services providers totaling \$278,387, plus \$3,367 in administrative fees. Authorization for the expenditures is included in the CDBG 2009 Adopted Operating Budget, project #31, "City CDBG Commission."

### Title

SUBSTITUTE - Authorizing the City to accept Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), Transitional Housing Program (THP), Homeless Prevention Program (HPP), and Interest Bearing Real Estate Trust Account (IBRETA) fund allocation from the State of Wisconsin, and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the State and sign agreements with partner Homeless Services Consortium agencies with these funds to implement projects.

### Body

#### BACKGROUND

The City of Madison has worked closely 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 and state funds for various projects. The goals of these projects are to provide financial assistance to prevent homelessness, re-house homeless households and provide essential services like case management, education, legal advocacy, and mediation. The grant is a competitive one, open to all Wisconsin communities. This year, the City was awarded \$278,387 for 15 projects administrated by 13 agencies plus \$13,949 ~~\$3,367~~ administrative fee.

#### AGENCIES

The 13 cooperating agencies each 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. These agencies include:

Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin-Briarpatch Division; Community Action Coalition for South Central WI; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; Tellurian, UCAN; Tenant Resource Center, Porchlight, Dane County Parent Council; YWCA of Madison; The Salvation Army of Dane County; Legal Action of WI; Stoughton Area Resource Team; Freedom, Inc.; The Road Home Dane County.

#### 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 the Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in Dane County which includes goals and objectives representatives of these activities; and

Whereas, the Common Council authorized application for ESG/THP/HPP and other state funds as part of the adoption of the year 2009 budget, but specific funding for projects were unavailable at the time of the adoption of the budget to coincide with the State's mid year award; and

Whereas, the CDBG staff has worked collaboratively with interested Homeless Serviced Consortium agencies and jointly developed a prioritized list of projects for submission to the State for funding; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Common Council accept the following projects as part of the City's agreement with the State, and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the State for acceptance of the funds, and sign agreements with the following Homeless Services Consortium agencies to implement the project:

AGENCY / PROGRAM  
NARRATIVE  
2009 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.  
\$145,853

Community Action Coalition for South Central WI / Case Management  
Case manager to assist households to obtain and/or maintain stable housing  
\$7,647

Dane County Parent Council / Hope House Case Management  
Case manager to assist residents of Hope House (mothers with young children enrolled in Early Head Start) to find and maintain stable housing.  
\$5,425

The Road Home Dane County / Case Management  
Shelter case management services for families with children  
\$15,200

Porchlight / Brooks Street & 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  
\$22,710

The Salvation Army / Holly House Mentor Program  
Staff costs associated with training volunteers as mentors and teaching life skills to previously homeless single women.  
\$12,800

The Salvation Army / Medical Shelter  
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.  
\$5,127

Society for St. Vincent de Paul / Seton Houses Case Management  
Support services for single women and families with children  
\$5,400

Tellurian UCAN / Job Coach  
Single adults and families, many with mental illness and/or alcohol and drug issue, who are participating in transitional housing programs will receive assistance in gaining employment.  
\$15,300

Tenant Resource Center / Housing Mediation Program  
Tenant / landlord mediation for eviction cases to help prevent homelessness.  
\$5,575

Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin  
Case management for unaccompanied homeless youth under the age of 18.  
\$8,400

YWCA of Madison / Second Chance Tenant Education Workshop  
Case Management for graduates of tenant education workshops.  
\$15,600

Freedom, Inc / Operation Welcome Home Operations  
Rent and utilities from transitional housing serving single adults.  
\$3,000

Stoughton Area Resource Team / START Housing Counseling  
Support service to households to help them find and/or maintain stable housing.  
\$3,900

Legal Action of WI / Legal Advocacy  
Legal services for households to prevent homelessness.  
\$6,450

City of Madison / Administration  
~~\$13,919~~ \$3,367

TOTAL ~~\$292,306~~ \$281,754

NOTE: Complete Project Proposals are available in the Council Office or from the CDBG Office by calling 267-0741.