



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

This Resolution authorizes the City's acceptance of a \$468,153 ETH grant award from the state DOH, and the Mayor and City Clerk's execution of agreements with several nonprofits to provide homeless services funded by these grant revenues.

Up to \$500,000 in ETH grant revenues and commensurate expenditures was authorized and approved as part of the Community Development Division's 2015 Adopted Operating Budget, and thus, no budget amendment is required.

Title

Authorizing the City of Madison, on behalf of the Dane County Continuum of Care (CoC), to accept a State ETH (Emergency Solutions Grant, Transitional Housing Program and Homeless Prevention Program) grant in the amount of \$468,153; and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute ETH-funded agreements with specific nonprofit agencies to provide various services to homeless and at-risk individuals and families.

Body

BACKGROUND

In April 2015, the Common Council approved a Resolution (RES-15-00336, Legistar # 37731) that authorized the City's submission of a grant application to the Wisconsin Department of Administration's Division of Housing for \$471,453 in 2015-2016 ETH (Emergency Solutions Grant, Transitional Housing Program, and Homeless Prevention Program) grant funds, an amount that would help support the costs of programs administered by a host of local organizations serving homeless and at-risk individuals and families, as well as associated grant administration costs.

For the 2015-2016 grant cycle, the state DOH required that a single application be submitted on behalf of the entire CoC. On the date that the Common Council approved the previously mentioned resolution authorizing the submission of the application, specific proposals to be included in the application had not yet been finalized. The final list of included proposals was developed jointly with members of the local Homeless Services Consortium (HSC) through an open and collaborative process. Two planning meetings were held in late March 2015, during which members discussed and analyzed current unmet needs. The final decision as to which proposals would be included in the CoC's application was determined by consensus of the HSC planning group and approved by the HSC's Board of Directors.

On May 8, 2015, the DOH notified the City of its decision to award the Dane County CoC \$468,153 in ETH grant funds. This award will provide funding for the list of non-profit agencies and programs identified below, at the specified amounts, as well as up to \$6,344 for the City to offset its costs associated with administering the funds on behalf of the CoC.

- **Briarpatch Youth Services, Inc.**
Up to \$22,000 for a Youth Street Team, which provides outreach workers to engage 100 unsheltered homeless youth under age 18 and young adults; and up to \$23,100 for the Transitional Living Program for Youth Adults in Co--op Housing, which combines Briarpatch's efforts with Madison Community Cooperative to provide housing for 12 homeless youth between 18 and 21 years of age.
- **Community Action Coalition for South Central WI, Inc.**

Up to \$131,209 for the Rentable Program, which provides financial assistance and housing stabilization services to 161 households who are at-risk of homelessness (in the form of rent in arrears and/or rent subsidies) or homeless persons (in the form of a security deposit and/or rent subsidy). A portion of these funds are being set aside for use by The Road Home and Tenant Resource Center to provide financial assistance to move homeless clients into housing; in return, the agencies will provide support services to encourage housing stability.

- **CareNet, Inc.**
Up to \$10,000 for Support Services to house and provide support services to 8 homeless pregnant women between the ages of 18 and 26.
- **Dane County Parent Council, Inc.**
Up to \$13,500 for Support Services offered to 75 young homeless mothers and children enrolled in the Early Head Start program.
- **Employment and Training Association, Inc.**
Up to \$20,000 for Employment Coordination to work with 30 homeless participants connecting them to employers and providing job coaching.
- **Institute for Community Alliances, Inc.**
Up to \$3,900 to provide HMIS Lead Agency Services, which include Wisconsin ServicePoint (WISP) training and support.
- **Legal Action of WI, Inc.**
Up to \$20,000 for Legal Services to prevent evictions, to the extent possible, for 32 at-risk households.
- **Porchlight, Inc.**
Up to \$23,300 for the STABLE Program to pay for staff and operations to serve 12 homeless single women with substance abuse issues; and up to \$25,000 for Outreach Services to 60 homeless single men identified through the men's Drop-In Shelter.
- **The Road Home Dane County, Inc.**
Up to \$16,800 to provide Shelter Case Management to 22 homeless families using the IHN Shelter Program or on the waitlist.
- **The Salvation Army of Dane County**
Up to \$16,800 for Shelter Waitlist Case Management to serve 50 homeless families on the shelter waitlist; up to \$18,800 for Single Women Case Management to serve 100 homeless single women who use the Single Women's Shelter; and up to \$8,100 for Medical Vouchers to provide motel vouchers for 25 homeless persons with medical needs that cannot be accommodated in traditional shelter.
- **Stoughton United Ministries**
Up to \$12,400 for Pathways to Self Sufficiency, which provides rapid re-housing and case management to 5 homeless households.
- **Tenant Resource Center, Inc.**
Up to \$10,100 for Housing Mediation Services to support 140 tenant households through mediation at Small Claims Eviction Court; and up to \$20,000 for Outreach to Chronically Homeless Persons, which provides supportive services to 10 long-time homeless single adults.
- **YWCA of Madison, Inc.**

Up to \$16,800 for Family Shelter Case Management to serve 60 families who reside in emergency shelter; and up to \$50,000 for the Rapid Re-housing Program to move 12 homeless families from shelter to permanent housing as quickly as possible, to minimize the length of homelessness.

ACTION

WHEREAS, the City was awarded \$468,153 in ETH (Emergency Solutions Grant, Transitional Housing Program and Homeless Prevention Program) grant funds in May 2015, in response to a joint grant application submitted to the state DOH by the City, in collaboration with the Housing Services Consortium; and,

WHEREAS, this ETH grant will provide funds to support the efforts of several local nonprofit organizations to serve homeless and at-risk individuals and families, as well as help defray the City's administration costs associated with this grant, as described in the submitted grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes the Mayor to sign a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Administration's Division of Housing, accepting the ETH grant funds; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute contracts with the agencies identified herein, to provide the specified services at the indicated funding levels; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any additional agreements deemed necessary to accomplish the goals of this Resolution.