



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

Funds for the contract were included in the 2016 Adopted Operating Budget as a result of a supplemental budget request. The adopted budget includes \$100,000 in levy support for a purchased services contract for the creation of the Housing First Street Team. Funds are available in the CDD operating budget in MUNIS account 62112-54820 (Service: Affordable Housing, Object: Community Agency Contracts).

Title

SUBSTITUTE: Authorizing ~~(a vendor to be identified by February 4, 2016)~~ Heartland Health Outreach, Inc. to provide the services of a *Street Outreach Team* that will identify, engage and connect chronically homeless persons with local support resources, including permanent housing and individualized treatment plans geared toward achieving housing stability.

Body

WHEREAS, the City of Madison launched an Affordable Housing Initiative in 2014, aimed at expanding and improving the supply of affordable housing for Madison residents; and

WHEREAS, the Initiative calls for investments of nearly \$25 million over five years to help finance the development of 1,000 new units of affordable rental housing; and

WHEREAS, one of the Initiative's priorities is to increase the supply of permanent supportive housing (PSH) to serve chronically homeless persons, and about 250 of the 1,000 units of new housing to be created are intended to serve that population; and

WHEREAS, the City's Housing First strategy, which combines permanent housing with the offer of supportive services needed to achieve housing stability, has been stymied by a shortage of available housing units in Madison; and

WHEREAS, the first of the City-supported PSH projects is currently under construction, with an anticipated opening in the Spring of 2016, and it will contribute the largest share (60 units) of nearly 100 units of PSH housing expected to become available during 2016 to help serve chronically homelessness persons in Madison; and

WHEREAS, candidates to fill these units will be drawn primarily from the community's PSH prioritization list and the City's goal is to help these persons achieve housing stability by combining decent, safe and secure housing with access to a broad range of support services e.g., case management, health care, employment assistance, mental health and substance abuse counseling; and

WHEREAS, the City issued an RFP on January 13, 2016 seeking a qualified entity to provide *Street Outreach* services in order to facilitate the placement of chronically homeless persons into available housing; and

WHEREAS, the services to be provided include identifying and engaging chronically homeless persons in Madison and working to develop individualized treatment and service plans, including housing placement; and

WHEREAS, ~~(vendor to be identified)~~ Heartland Health Outreach, Inc. submitted a proposal in response to the City's RFP which was deemed, upon review by CDD staff, to be highly responsive to the requirements and preferences laid out in the RFP and worthy of being selected to provide the requested services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Common Council hereby approve the selection of ~~(vendor to be identified)~~ Heartland Health Outreach, Inc. for the provision of *Street Outreach Team* services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into any agreements or contract with ~~(vendor to be identified)~~ Heartland Health Outreach, Inc. necessary to provide the described services.