



Legislation Text

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The 2021 Adopted Operating Budget includes more than \$2 million in funding for the four existing programs mentioned in the paper—Access to Resources, Crisis Support Services, Peer Support, and Restorative Justice. The Community Development Division will conduct an RFP process to allocate the 2022 funding as recommended by the policy paper. The amount of funding will be determined by the 2022 Adopted Operating Budget.

Accepting the Community Development Division's (CDD) Prevention, Crisis, and Intervention policy paper and directing CDD to conduct a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, and formulate funding allocation recommendations to the Mayor and Common Council, for approval, and use of funds to take effect on January 1, 2022.

The proposed resolution accepts the Community Development Division's (CDD) proposed policy paper for Prevention, Crisis, and Intervention as the foundation for conducting a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to solicit program proposals from organizations that offer programming outlined in the policy paper. It also directs CDD to conduct an RFP process and to bring funding recommendations to the council at the conclusion of the process, for Council approval, prior to awarding contracts. The process referenced above will allocate funds to selected agencies for use beginning in 2022.

In 2016, Forward Community Investments (FCI) completed, on behalf of the Common Council, an evaluation of CDD funding practices and offered recommendations to improve them. In reviewing CDD's current funding framework, the following four existing program areas have not yet been subject to a funding process for a considerable period of time, ranging from 3-9 years as follows:

- Access to Resources - 2012 (for 2013 allocations)
- Crisis Support Services - 2015 (for 2016 allocations)
- Peer Support - 2017 (for 2018 allocations)
- Restorative Justice - 2018 (for 2019 allocations)

The policy paper introduces the proposed conceptual framework that will guide the allocation of City funding, beginning in 2022, under a new service area to be titled: Prevention, Crisis, and Intervention. This service area will bring together funding currently allocated across the four existing program areas noted above and will focus on three distinct service areas:

- 1) Crisis Intervention Support Services
- 2) Prevention Services
- 3) Youth Restorative Justice Services

The goal is to use these funds to support efforts that connect individuals and families to services and resources that alleviate poverty, meet basic needs in times of crisis, and improve the well-being of individuals and families based upon their identified needs by providing accessible and quality support in areas of prevention, crisis, and intervention.

WHEREAS, the City of Madison has a long-standing commitment of financial support to community-based organizations as part of its strategy to create the necessary conditions for Madison residents to realize their full potential by ensuring residents and neighborhoods have access to needed services; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Division, in consultation with the Community Services Committee, is responsible for formulating recommendations to the Mayor and Common Council, regarding the use of City-

administered resources budgeted for ensuring the quality and availability of services in Madison; and

WHEREAS, the City's 2021 Adopted Operating Budget also appropriates more than \$2 million to support services currently funded across four existing program areas: Access to Resources, Crisis Support Services, Peer Support, and Restorative Justices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison currently contracts with a group of agencies to provide a range of services supporting individuals and families in our community under contracts that are set to expire on December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the existing contract amounts are the product of Request for Proposals (RFP) processes conducted in between 2013 and 2018; and

WHEREAS, since program allocations have not been subject to an RFP process for a considerable period of time, there has not been opportunity for agencies to seek funding to offset cost increases or program changes; and

WHEREAS, the CDD, with input from the Community Services Committee, stakeholders, policy makers and residents has developed this policy paper outlining the parameters of a new funding model through which the City will allocate funding; and

WHEREAS, the CDD, which is charged with administering these funds, is preparing to conduct a new RFP process that will establish program allocations for 2022; and

WHEREAS, the content of this policy paper, if approved by the Common Council, will; serve as the foundation for an RFP document to solicit proposals from local service organizations seeking City funding to support prevention, crisis, and intervention-focused services; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council accepts and approves the Prevention, Crisis, and Intervention policy paper prepared by CDD and directs CDD staff to conduct an RFP process to allocate City funds; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council directs CDD formulate funding recommendations, to be presented to the Common Council for its approval, for use beginning in 2022.