



Legislation Text

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The proposed resolution authorizes amending the 2021-22 EHH contracts with The Road Home Dane County, increasing the Breese Apartments contract by \$9,000 and increasing Shelter from the Storm Ministries Rapid Rehousing contract by \$11,000. No additional City appropriation is required with approval of the proposed resolution.

Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to amend the 2021-22 EHH contracts with The Road Home Dane County and Shelter from the Storm Ministries to add a total of \$20,000 of State HAP funds reallocated from other projects.

BACKGROUND

The City of Madison works closely with Dane County CoC member agencies that serve people experiencing homelessness and those at risk of becoming homeless, and provides leadership and administrative support to the group. This collaborative work includes the City's administration of the State of Wisconsin EHH grant (EHH) on behalf of the Dane County CoC. EHH funds combine the HUD Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), State of Wisconsin Homeless Prevention Program (HPP) and Housing Assistance Program (HAP), and support the following eligible activities: emergency shelter, street outreach, homeless prevention, rapid rehousing and other housing programs, the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and administration. The State Department of Administration's Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources ("the State") annually distributes available funds among four Wisconsin Continua of Care (CoC) serving Dane, Milwaukee, Racine, and the Balance of State. The Dane County CoC Board of Directors, using an open-competitive process, determines the specific agencies and uses for which State EHH funds are used.

The State awarded the Dane County CoC \$650,000 in EHH funds in the 2020-2021 grant cycle. The Common Council authorized accepting the funds on behalf of the Dane County CoC and executing agreements with specific Dane County CoC agencies selected by the CoC Board of Directors on July 20, 2021 (RES-21-00520, Legistar ID# 66228).

Dane County CoC Board of Directors approved reallocation of two projects funded with Housing Assistance Program (HAP) at its September 23, 2021 meeting, as it was brought to their attention that certain HAP funding requirements were not compatible with the particular projects previously approved for the funds.

The Salvation Army of Dane County was previously awarded up to \$85,000 (\$66,525 ESG, \$9,475 HPP, and \$9,000 HAP) for Rapid Rehousing case management services and rent subsidies for singles. HAP funds require 25% of participants' gross income to be spent on rent, which is not compatible with The Salvation Army's program design of providing 100% of first month rent for participants. \$9,000 of HAP funds initially allocated to The Salvation Army will be reallocated to The Road Home Dane County's Breese Apartment project.

Shelter from the Storm Ministries was previously awarded up to \$11,000 of HAP funds for supportive services at Shelter from the Storm's transitional housing program. This program currently serves female headed households only, in a shared housing setting. HAP funds require that heads of households of all genders be served, and in acknowledgement of this requirement, \$11,000 of HAP funds will be reallocated to the Shelter from the Storm Ministries' Rapid Rehousing Program.

ACTION

WHEREAS, the Common Council authorized accepting \$650,000 of State EHH funds on behalf of the Dane County CoC and executing agreements with specific Dane County CoC agencies selected by the CoC Board of Directors on July 20, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Dane County CoC Board of Directors approved reallocation for two activities funded with Housing Assistance Program (HAP) at its September 23, 2021 meeting, which included reallocating (1) \$9,000 from the Salvation Army of Dane County's Rapid Rehousing Program for Singles to The Road Home Dane County's Breese Apartments, and (2) \$11,000 from Shelter from the Storm Ministries' Transitional Housing Program to Shelter from the Storm Ministries' Rapid Rehousing Program; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to amend the 2021-22 EHH contracts with The Road Home Dane County, increasing the Breese Apartments contract by \$9,000 and Shelter from the Storm Ministries, increasing the Rapid Rehousing contract by \$11,000.