

From: [Sanaa Semia](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Dairy Drive
Date: Saturday, September 6, 2025 9:35:50 PM

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Please continue to support Dairy Drive.

Thank you, Sanaa

From: [Bonnie Roe](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [Tishler, Bill](#)
Subject: Dairy Drive amendment
Date: Sunday, September 7, 2025 8:19:08 AM

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Dear Members of the Finance Committee,

I understand the Dairy Drive situation puts our city's leaders in a bit of a pickle. And I appreciate Alder Mayer's heart in extending the timeframe on the closure. No one wants to see people put out on the street, especially with winter around the corner.

The problem I have with it is that Brenda Konkel and her group have known about this predicament for many months (at least since early spring when it became public in the news that the funds had run out and Dairy Drive would need to be closed), but likely well before that. She was quoted in the story.

Very basic questions could not be answered by the operator at last Tuesday night's council meeting. Questions like how many residents remain living at Dairy Drive? What is the current state of the units? And other very basic information at this point in the process. Recent social media posts show the operator claiming there are still 29 people living in the Dairy Drive Campground, though I don't think her answer was so firm at the council meeting.

If you vote to extend the deadline, I think there needs to be a new operator for Dairy Drive in the interim. Specifically someone with the training, knowledge, skill, and motivation to help folks transition to more permanent housing. This housing was meant to be transitional all along. Yet as far as I can tell, the operation has housed a total of 97 people over four years, and 62 of them have gone on to find more permanent housing. Costs to run the program amount to about \$26,000 per resident of the campground per year.

If the idea is to keep this open until April to allow more time for campground residents to transfer, someone or some group with an ability to help these people attain more stable housing needs to do this work. Otherwise we'll end up with more of the same, with a similar rallying cry by this operator to extend the deadline yet again.

Rallying the residents and activist groups all over the city to go to bat for staying there is the opposite of her mission, which we all knew was intended to be temporary. Though the two-year window was extended to four, and even now an extension is being sought from October to April, these residents need a more permanent place to live, and that needs to be the focus of the energy and work. The current operator has demonstrated little aptitude for helping move people through the program to a better result.

If there is an amendment to extend this deadline yet again, I hope one condition will be that a new operator, or at least helpful transitional services outside of this group, are found. If someone has a track record and resources to plug in (Porchlight, Catholic Charities, Lutheran Brotherhood, etc.), it would be nice if they could become a part of this process. Or else we can predict that we'll have this same predicament and predictive theater in April. And where does it end?

Thank you,

Bonnie Roe
District 11

From: [Lorrie Hylkema](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Re: extending contract for Madison St Medicine to manage the Dairy Drive campground for unsheltered individuals
Date: Sunday, September 7, 2025 10:59:50 AM

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Please support the extension of the contract for agenda item #87779. Thank you for supporting this very important extension of this contract.

Lorrie Hylkema, eliminating homelessness advocate and former volunteer for Madison Street Medicine.

From: [Lorrie Hylkema](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Re: extending contract for Madison St Medicine to manage the Dairy Drive campground for unsheltered individuals
Date: Sunday, September 7, 2025 11:04:28 AM

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Not 87779 but agenda # 89779. Please support the resolution to extend the contract with Madison Street Medicine. Thank you.

On Sun, Sep 7, 2025, 10:59 AM Lorrie Hylkema <lhylkema1@gmail.com> wrote:

Please support the extension of the contract for agenda item #87779. Thank you for supporting this very important extension of this contract.

Lorrie Hylkema, eliminating homelessness advocate and former volunteer for Madison Street Medicine.

From: [Erin Trost](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Date: Sunday, September 7, 2025 11:25:03 AM

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To the members of the Madison City Council Finance Committee:

As a primary care physician, addiction medicine specialist, and volunteer with Madison Street Medicine, I am writing to express my opposition to the demolition of the Dairy Drive campground and to support ongoing funding of this initiative.

The Dairy Drive campground was created as a direct response to a large encampment of unhoused individuals in Madison. Since its inception the Dairy Drive campground has served nearly 100 adults experiencing homelessness. Nearly 80% have left the campground to improved circumstances. The crisis of homelessness has not ended in our city, as evidenced in two recent articles in the Wisconsin State Journal dated [August 25](#) and [August 15](#). Demolishing the Dairy Drive campground will not improve the state of homelessness in Madison and will likely worsen it.

Persons experiencing homelessness have high rates of chronic mental illness, substance use disorders, and chronic medical problems, which makes serving this population and improving their health and living situation challenging. Continuing to fund the Dairy Drive campground will allow the residents to receive case management support, connections to medical care, and a safe place to stay. This vulnerable population deserves to be treated with kindness and compassion; doing so will represent the goodness and spirit of the Madison community.

Respectfully,
Erin Trost, MD, FASAM

From: [rebecca kellum](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: item #11, finance committee meeting 9/8/25
Date: Sunday, September 7, 2025 4:21:27 PM

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Hello,

I am a physician of 20 years, now working as an addiction medicine physician in Madison and I have worked extensively with patients who are unhoused in various settings here in town (UW Hospital, Meriter hospital, New Start Clinic, PAS methadone clinic, Housing Initiatives SIRT). I strongly implore the City of Madison to continue to support the Dairy Drive Campground and extend the contract with Madison Street Medicine to help provide care for the people who depend on this housing option. The gap in available resources for our unhoused neighbors is wide, and I realize that the city is working on trying to address this gap -- but decreasing housing options and destabilizing even more people is exactly the opposite of what we need. There is a robust force of people committed to meeting the needs of residents at Dairy Drive -- these people, as well as the residents themselves, understand how important it is to keep Dairy Drive alive. They also offer valuable experience and perspectives on how to build upon and improve this vital community resource.

I am happy to answer any questions if that might be helpful.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Kellum, MD, FASAM

From: [Carolyn Virginia](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Please support Dairy Drive
Date: Sunday, September 7, 2025 7:39:16 PM

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Good morning,

My name is Carolyn Virgdnia and I'm a retired RN. For the last 10 years, I've volunteered with Madison Street Medicine, providing medical care to the unhoused folks in our community. I'm passionate about servicing these vulnerable people!

I'm very concerned that Dairy Drive may be demolished at the end of the month--just before winter starts and before the new men's shelter is open next spring. . Dairy Drive provides a vital role in helping people find permanent homes. Please don;t undertake this inhumane, cruel measure.

Thank you.

Carolyn Virginia

Pronouns: she/her/hers

From: [Marilyn Feil](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Vote to continue Dairy Drive
Date: Sunday, September 7, 2025 10:23:36 PM

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Hello Finance Committee members:

I am emailing to urge you to vote in favor of item 11 to continue the contract with Madison Street Medicine to keep the Dairy Drive campground open through April 2026, at no cost to the city. In this time when homelessness is increasing and the outlook for federal help is diminishing, we need to maintain our local resources that provide housing to those experiencing homelessness.

While the city has been talking about shutting down Dairy Drive, there are still people living there with no where else to go. Keeping it open through April will give the residents there more time to look for permanent housing -- Dairy Drive has a 70% success rate in placing its residents into housing -- and would give these individuals a warm place to stay during our coldest months.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Feil
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Madison, WI 53704

From: [Kathleen Camilla King](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [Mayor](#)
Subject: register in favor of Agenda Item #11, which is "89779
Date: Monday, September 8, 2025 8:01:20 AM

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My name is Kathleen Camilla King

I want to register in favor of Agenda Item #11, which is "89779: Extending the contract between the City of Madison and MACH Onehealth, Inc."

The Dairy Drive encampment isn't perfect, but it's better to have unhoused persons altogether while awaiting housing or rehoming instead of on the streets or in cars or under bridges or other places not meant for human habitation.

From: [Rita Meuer](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Support Item 11
Date: Monday, September 8, 2025 8:17:50 AM

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Homelessness is getting worse. We have the means to house some of the homeless with a already built houses. It will be cheaper in tge long run. It's a slam dunk.

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From: [Patricia La Cross](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Extension of Dairy Drive project
Date: Monday, September 8, 2025 9:03:11 AM

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Dear Finance Committee Members,

I urge you to follow the lead of my Alder Davy Mayer in allowing the temporary homes and work still unfolding to house the remaining residents.

I don't want to live in a city that is only hospitable to the wealthiest, but to live in one where we keep coming together so that everyone has a chance. The work undertaken at Dairy Drive has been highly successful and with more time -Especially as winter nears- I trust it can continue to be. The reality *-and the Optics-* of putting these vulnerable neighbors of ours into the streets diminishes us as a community.

I know from my past work and current home visiting with St. Vincent de Paul that we have untold numbers of persons on a knife's edge of homelessness.

I know also that we can and must do better, and Dairy Drive is one thread of that whole cloth holding our community together.

Thank you, sincerely,

Patricia La Cross

From: [Barbie Jackson](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Dairy Drive Followup Re: 9/8 Finance Committee, Agenda Item 11: I support Alder Mayer's Resolution to extend the contract for Dairy Drive Shelter
Date: Monday, September 8, 2025 11:17:03 AM

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Dear Finance Committee Members:

At the City Council's meeting on September 2, Alder Davy Mayer introduced a resolution to again extend the contract between the city and the organization that operates the Dairy Drive encampment on Madison's far east side — using potential county dollars. **I support this resolution.** Please see further details below about my position in opposition to the demolition of the site.

I urge you to vote to approve this resolution to extend the contract for the Dairy Drive shelter and forward your recommendation of approval to the Common Council.

Sincerely,
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On Tue, Sep 2, 2025 at 1:54 PM Barbie Jackson <barbie.g.jackson@gmail.com> wrote:
Dear Mayor Rhodes-Conway and Alders:

This is my personal statement regarding the September 2, 2025 Common Council [Agenda](#), Item 45: , ref: [File # 89274](#). Although an active member of [MOSES](#), my statements are my own and do not represent the organization.

I oppose Demolition of the Dairy Drive Shelter.

It is my understanding from recent news articles and other communications that the City Council will vote Tuesday night on a resolution to demolish the Dairy Drive shelter and that THERE IS NO PLAN currently to house the approximately 22 people currently living there. I write in opposition to the closure and demolition of the Dairy Drive campground, a program serving unsheltered people experiencing homelessness with the highest vulnerabilities, 70% of whom were experiencing chronic homelessness when they entered the program.

At a time when our federal government is ruthlessly demolishing homelessness encampments in our nation's Capitol under false pretenses of reducing crime, and when they are threatening to do the same, illegally, in major cities throughout our nation, it is shameful that the City of Madison would consider similar displacement of some of our most vulnerable neighbors.

The Dairy Drive Campground initiative demonstrates that successful solutions to homelessness include providing legal and safe places for unhoused people to live and connect with service providers to secure permanent housing. At a time when other jurisdictions are turning to law enforcement and criminalization of homelessness, Madison should continue to facilitate the operation of this campground which is now an important part of the homeless services continuum at least through April 2026.

I urge the Common Council to reject any resolution to demolish the Dairy Drive shelter.

Sincerely,
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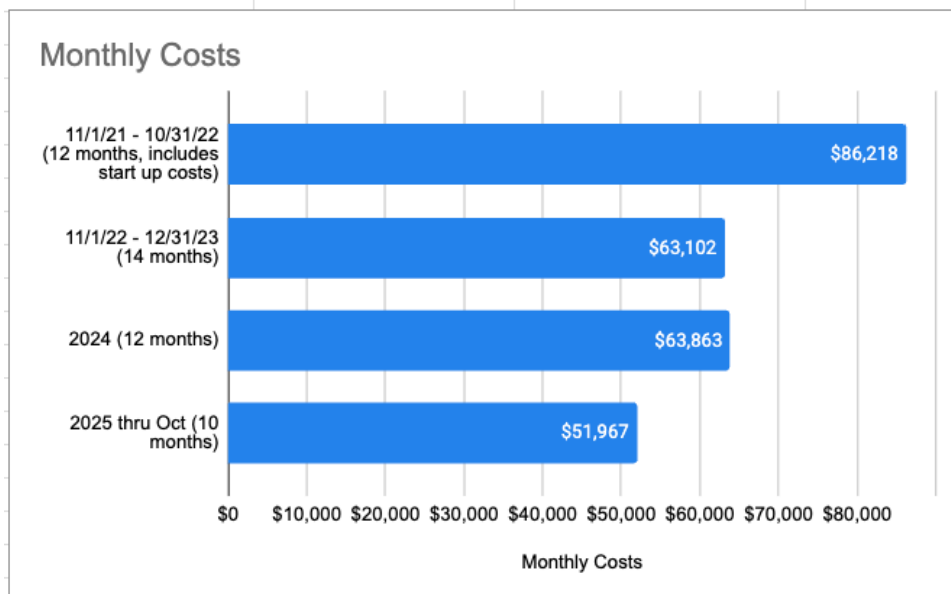
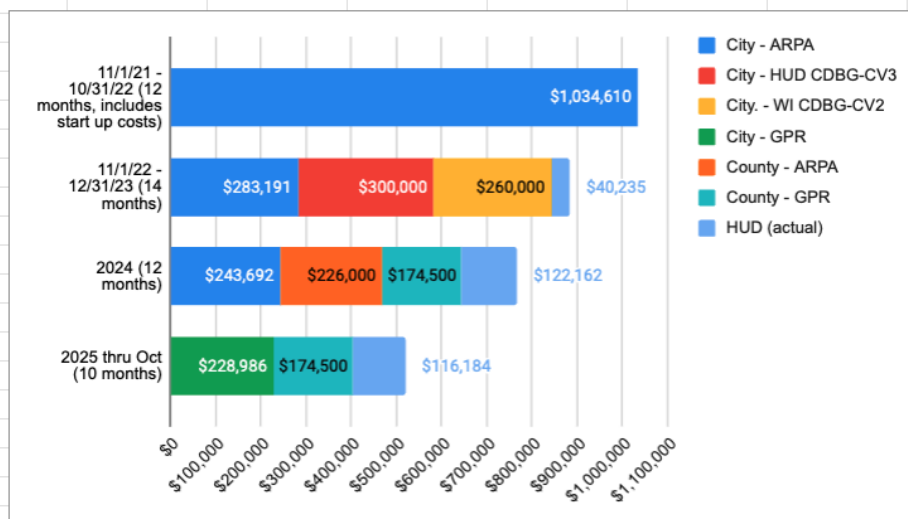
From: [Brenda Konkel](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Dairy Drive Budget Numbers
Date: Monday, September 8, 2025 2:02:16 PM
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Hello Finance Committee members - I figured it would be easier for you to have these in advance than to try to tell you at the meeting and then have any confusion or use your time to repeat them.

These are the numbers for the past 4 years.



Here is what I put in the [proposal for 2026 - 2030](#)

A	B	C	D	E
Agency & Program:	Madison Street Medicine - Dairy Drive 2.0			
ACCOUNT CATEGORY	City of Madison Request Amount	Non-City Sources	Total Program Budget	Budget Details (e.g., Case manager and supervisor wages; \$1,000 for application fee; \$3,000 for bus passes)
A. PERSONNEL				
Salary	122,828	295,328	418,156	see chart -> plus on-call pay
Taxes/Benefits	34,392	60,192	94,584	.06 taxes and health, dental, vision costs
Subtotal A.	157,220	355,520	512,740	
B. OTHER OPERATING				
Insurance	1,000	1,000	2,000	General liability, vehicle
Professional Fees	3,000	3,000	6,000	Accounting services
Audit	2,500	2,500	5,000	Annual Audit
Postage/Office and Program Supplies	500	500	1,000	Office supplies, printing
Equipment/Furnishings/Depreciation			0	
Telephone	3,030	3,044	6,074	Cell phone costs
Training/Conferences	1,000	1,000	2,000	Ryan Dowd Training Fees, Misc. Conferences
Food		10,000		Meals and Second Harvest Food Bank purchases
Household Supplies			0	
Auto Allowance/Travel		10,000	10,000	Staff mileage and cabs
Vehicle Costs/Depreciation	1,500	1,500	3,000	Van costs
Other (Specify):			0	
Subtotal B.	12,530	32,544	35,074	
C. SPACE				
Office or Facility Rent	4,750	4,750	9,500	Office rent for case managers and storage
Utilities			0	
Maintenance	5,000	5,000	10,000	Supplies, repairs and materials
Mortgage Principal/Interest/Depreciation			0	
Property Taxes			0	
Subtotal C.	9,750	9,750	19,500	
D. SPECIAL COSTS				
Assistance to Individuals - Rent (monthly rent and rent arrears)			0	
Assistance to Individuals - Other Financial Assistance (security deposit, application fee, bus passes, etc.)		10,000		Bus passes, security deposits, application fees (does not include 1915)
Program Subcontracts (Specify):			0	
Other (Specify):			0	
Other (Specify):			0	
Subtotal D.	0	10,000	0	
TOTAL (A-D.)	179,500	407,814	587,314	

STAFFING: Include ALL staff working for the program			
Staff Position Title	City-Funded FTE	Total FTE, Including Non-City Sources	Roles and Responsibilities
Facilities Manager	0.50	1.00	Repairs, maintenance, lawncare, cabin turn overs, camper support
Nights and Weekends	1.25	2.50	Assisting campers with needs, de-escalation, guest monitoring,
Camper Needs Coordinator	0.30	0.30	Coordinate food pantry, transportation (van trips, bus passes) and donations
SOS Coordinator		0.25	Connect guests to outreach programs
Office Manager		0.25	Scheduling and logistics
Executive Director	0.15	0.15	Program Management, Supervision, Financial Management, Technical Expertise
Case Manager		2.00	Housing focused case management

These are the funds we have available through April.

Available funds at MSM	\$95,064	Could pay for utilities & TJ (facilities) in 2026	
City Contract Remaining Funds	\$100,559	available Sept - Dec	
Remaini HUD funds to be spent by 7/31/26*	\$366,340	available Sept - July 31, 2026. Can't be subcontracted to Kabba (they are not a subrecipient) and I have to check how much admin is left that could pay for utilities, also have to pay ICA	*plan was to hire more outreach workers this fall and in 2026 with the remaining funds, depending upon what happens at Dairy Drive
Total Funds Currently Available	\$561,963		
August - April = 8 months	\$70,245	per month	
August - July = 11 months	\$51,088	per month	

If there is anything else you need, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Brenda

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