
Sponsor: Housing Stability

Meeting Date: 3/21/2023

Title: First Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement with City of Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority for Housing Trust Fund

File Number: 2023-113

Background and Rationale:

The city of Saint Paul's Housing Redeployment Authority (HRA) distributes Housing Trust Funds (HTF). The Housing Trust Fund was developed by the city of Saint Paul Mayor Melvin Carter to produce, preserve, and protect housing affordability for Saint Paul residents. The fund serves as a flexible financial tool used to address the current crisis of housing affordability in Saint Paul.

To meet the needs of the severe monetary impact resulting from the end of the COVID response funds, the HRA, in partnership with Ramsey County, established a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) in July of 2022. The purpose of the JPA is to support homelessness housing provided through the Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul.

Through the original JPA, HRA transferred \$827,244 Housing Trust Fund money to Ramsey County. The funding included a 5% fee for administration of funds. The county entered into an agreement with Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul. Through the JPA, the county is responsible for complying with the HTF program requirements, managing agreements and performance of the funded organization, and aligning with Heading Home Ramsey's mission, vision, and goals.

The original JPA has an effective date of July 12, 2022, through March 31, 2023. HRA is amending the JPA to extend the term from March 31, 2023, through March 31, 2024.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the First Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement with the city of Saint Paul for the transfer of Housing Redevelopment Authority Housing Trust Fund dollars for the period of March 31, 2023, through March 31, 2024, in the amount of \$827,244.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute the sole source agreement with Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Frethem, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: - 1: Moran

By: 

Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board