
Sponsor: Housing Stability

Meeting Date: 8/19/2025

Title: Grant Award for the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program

File Number: 2025-300

Background and Rationale:

The Minnesota Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) was established in 1993 to assist families with children, single adults and youth who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) administers the FHPAP with guidance from the Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness and the state's plan to prevent and end homelessness. The FHPAP provides funds to serve low-income (less than 200% Federal Poverty Guidelines) residents to prevent homelessness and/or to rapidly rehouse those households that are homeless.

The county works with its community partners through an FHPAP Advisory Committee (required by Minnesota Statute 462A.204, Subdivision 6) and Heading Home Ramsey (the county's Continuum of Care or 'CoC') to design a homeless crisis response system, develop project outcome measures, and assess the short and long-term effectiveness of the program in meeting the needs of families who are at risk of homelessness, or are experiencing homeless. This year, the county's CoC prioritized serving families with minor children, single adults, and parenting or unaccompanied youth under 25 years old for the 2025-2027 grant cycle by providing street outreach, prevention, coordinated entry, and rapid rehousing services.

MHFA awarded Ramsey County \$4,015,000 for the 2025-2027 FHPAP Biennium. Ramsey County issued a notice to currently funded subgrantees to submit a letter of interest in August 2024. The notice generated 12 respondents, of which eight were awarded funding. Funded agencies include:

1. American Indian Family Center
2. Face to Face
3. Neighborhood House
4. Solid Ground
5. Catholic Charities
6. Lutheran Social Services
7. Minnesota Community Care
8. Wilder Foundation

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Ratify the submittal of the grant application to Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program in the amount of \$23,856,193.78.
2. Accept a grant and approve a grant agreement with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027, in the amount of \$4,015,000.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
4. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the agreement in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Xiong, seconded by Commissioner Miller.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Excused: - 1: McMurtrey

By:  _____
Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board