



Board of Commissioners Agenda

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
651-266-9200

June 16, 2026 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. **Agenda of June 16, 2026 is Presented for Approval** [2026-214](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of June 16, 2026.

2. **Minutes from June 2, 2026 are Presented for Approval** [2026-215](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the June 2, 2026 Minutes.

ORDINANCE PROCEDURES

3. **Proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2027 - Waive the Second Reading and Hold the Public Hearing** [2026-173](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Waive the second reading of the proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2027.
2. Hold the Public Hearing for the proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2027.

POLICY ITEM

4. **Appointment of Members to the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority for 2026** [2026-208](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Approve the appointment of members to the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority for the year 2026.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

5. **Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health for Pediatric** [2026-204](#)
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Mental Health Training

Sponsors: Social Services

1. Ratify the submittal of the grant application to the Minnesota Department of Health for Pediatric Mental Health Training for Social Services and Public Health staff.
2. Accept a grant award and approve a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health for Pediatric Mental Health Training for the period upon execution, through May 31, 2028, in the amount of \$265,000.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
4. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute amendments to agreements in accordance with the county’s procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.

6. Fund Transfer from Bond Interest to Park at RiversEdge [2026-211](#)

Sponsors: Community & Economic Development

Authorize the County Manager to transfer up to \$1,200,000 from bond interest and premiums to the Park at RiversEdge project account for project activities.

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

Following County Board Meeting:

Economic Development Authority Meeting
Council Chambers – Courthouse Room 300
10:00 a.m. (est.)

Closed Meeting *Closed to the Public*
Re: County Manager Performance Review
Courthouse Room 220, Large Conference Room
1:30 p.m. (est.)

Advance Notice:
June 23, 2026 County board meeting – Council Chambers
June 30, 2026 No county board meeting – Fifth Tuesday
July 07, 2026 County board meeting – Council Chambers
July 14, 2026 County board meeting – Council Chambers



Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
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651-266-9200

Item Number: 2026-214

Meeting Date: 6/16/2026

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

Agenda of June 16, 2026 is Presented for Approval

Recommendation

Approve the agenda of June 16, 2026.



Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
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651-266-9200

Item Number: 2026-215

Meeting Date: 6/16/2026

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

Minutes from June 2, 2026 are Presented for Approval

Recommendation

Approve the June 2, 2026 Minutes.

Attachments

1. June 2, 2026 Minutes

June 2, 2026 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Stacey D'Andrea, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner Jebens-Singh

1. Agenda of June 2, 2026 is Presented for Approval [2026-195](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of June 2, 2026.

Motion by Miller, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from May 26, 2026 are Presented for Approval [2026-196](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the May 26, 2026 Minutes.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Appointments to the Personnel Review Board [2026-157](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Appoint Estelle Wright to the Personnel Review Board for a four-year term beginning June 2, 2026 and ending August 1, 2030.
2. Appoint Beth Bell Isle (Incumbent) to the Personnel Review Board for a four-year term beginning June 2, 2026 and ending August 1, 2030.

Motion by Jebens-Singh, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2026-070](#)

4. Appointments to the Corrections Advisory Board [2026-133](#)
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Sponsors: Community Corrections

Appoint the following individuals to serve on the Corrections Advisory Board for a term beginning June 1, 2026 and ending May 31, 2028:

- Alexander Cleaveland - Social Services
- Ofir Germanic - Service Provider
- Maria Mitchell - The Judiciary
- Gail Moerke - Corrections
- Robert Lokhorst - Law Enforcement
- Cory Tennison - Prosecution
- Dan Wolff - Education
- Tierre Caldwell - Formerly Incarcerated

Motion by Jebens-Singh, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2026-071](#)

5. Appointments to the Community Health Services Advisory Committee [2026-150](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

Appoint the following individuals to the Community Health Services Advisory Committee for terms to begin June 23, 2026, and end June 27, 2028:

District 1 Abdulkadir Mohamed

District 5 Krista Hutchinson - Incumbent

District 5 Kayla Nance - Incumbent

District 2 Alicia House - Incumbent

District 6 Katherine Mejicano

Motion by Jebens-Singh, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2026-072](#)

6. Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission [2026-181](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Appoint the following individuals to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term beginning June 4, 2026, and ending June 5, 2029.

- Reier Erickson (District 4) - *Incumbent*
- Christine England (District 5) - *Incumbent*
- Mike Sachi (District 1) - *Incumbent*

Motion by Jebens-Singh, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2026-073](#)

PRESENTATION

7. Presentation: Aging and Disability Services Update [2026-190](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by Katy Molinare, Deputy Director, Social Services Department. Discussion can be

found on archived video.

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

Presented by County Manager, Ling Becker. Discussion can be found on archived video.

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion can be found on archived video.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

Presented by Chair Ortega. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) in order to discuss the Wilson v. Ramsey County matter. The Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting, which was not open to the public.

In Re: Wilson v. Ramsey County Matter

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 10:36 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Xiong, and Chair Ortega.

Also present: Ling Becker, County Manager; Kristin Nogosek, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office; Brett Bacon, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office; Jessica Yang, Paralegal, Ramsey County Attorney's Office; Karen Francois, Deputy County Manager, Community Services and Support; Ali Ali, Director, Financial Assistance Services; Amelia Cruver, Chief Financial Officer, Finance; Mandy Malecek, Enterprise Risk Manager, Compliance and Ethics Office; Jason Yang, Chief Clerk, County Manager's Office.

The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners authorized the Ramsey County staff to proceed as discussed in this closed meeting (Resolution B2026-074).

Motioned by Jebens-Singh, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2026-173

Meeting Date: 6/16/2026

Sponsor: Human Resources

Title

Proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2027 - Waive the Second Reading and Hold the Public Hearing

Recommendation

1. Waive the second reading of the proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2027.
2. Hold the Public Hearing for the proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2027.

Background and Rationale

The Ramsey County Home Rule Charter section 5.01.A.1 requires that certain acts of the Ramsey County Board shall be by ordinance. The provisions of the Ramsey County Home Rule Charter relating to compensation for the Board of Commissioners in section 2.01.D state that:

- a. The Ramsey County Board may determine the amount of the annual salary of its members by passage of a salary ordinance; and
- b. The salary ordinance must be passed by July 1 of the year prior to the effective date of the ordinance;
- c. The ordinance shall not become effective until the first business day of the following year (January 1, 2027).

Ramsey County employees with settled bargaining agreements and unrepresented employees received a cost of living adjustment (COLA) of 3.50% in 2026. It has normally been the intention of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners that future salary increases for the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners be set at a rate that matches the COLA given to employees in the previous year.

An increase of 3.50% for the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners will result in a salary increase equivalent to the general wage increase given to employees in the calendar year 2026. The current annual salary of the Board of Commissioners is \$107,199 for County Board Members, and \$112,559 for the County Board Chair. The proposed salary ordinance would increase commissioners' salary to \$110,951 for County Board Members and to \$116,499 for the County Board Chair.

The Ramsey County Home Rule Charter section 5.02 states each proposed ordinance shall receive two readings: first, at the time it is presented, and second, at the time of the public hearing as required by law. Both readings may be waived if a copy of the ordinance is supplied to each member of the Ramsey County Board prior to its introduction. In accordance with these requirements, the proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2026 was provided to each commissioner prior to its introduction on May 26, 2026. Therefore, the second reading may be waived by duly made motion and majority vote.

The Ramsey County Home Rule Charter section 5.02 states that every proposed ordinance shall hold a public hearing as required by law.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

- Well-being Prosperity Opportunity Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

There is no specific racial equity impact associated with the proposed action.

Community Participation Level and Impact

This action is strictly operational and internal facing. It is the intent of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners that future salary increases for the commissioners matches the cost of living adjustment (COLA) given to employees in the previous year.

- Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

Funding is accounted for in the Board of Commissioner's approved 2026-2027 operating budget.

Last Previous Action

On May 26, 2026, the Ramsey County Board waived the first reading and set the public hearing date of June 16, 2026 for the proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2027 ordinance (Resolution B2026-065).

Attachments

1. Proposed Salary Ordinance
2. Proposed Schedule
3. Affidavit of Publication

1 Proposed Salary Ordinance

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3 WHEREAS, the provisions of the Ramsey County Home Rule Charter (Charter) relating to
4 compensation for the Board of Commissioners state that:

- 5 a) The Board may determine the annual salary of its members by passage of a salary
6 ordinance; and,
7 b) The salary ordinance must be passed by July 1 of the year prior to the effective date of
8 the ordinance; and,
9 c) The ordinance shall not become effective until the first business day of the following year
10 (January 1, 2027); and,
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12 WHEREAS, The Charter requires that per diem payments be made to the County and that,
13 with the exception of fees, payments and other compensation paid to an officer of the
14 Association of Minnesota Counties, the County will not add these payments to the
15 Commissioners' salary when payments are received from the various boards, committees and
16 other governmental agencies; and
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18 WHEREAS, The current annual salary of the Board of Commissioners is \$107,199 for County
19 Board Members, and \$112,559 for the County Board Chair; and,
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21 WHEREAS, In 2026, Ramsey County employees received a general wage increase of
22 3.50%; and,
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24 WHEREAS, It has been the intention of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners that
25 future salary increases for the Board of Commissioners be set at a rate that matches the
26 general increase in wages given to employees in the previous year; and,
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28 WHEREAS, An increase of 3.50% for the Board of Commissioners will result in a salary
29 increase equivalent to the cost of living adjustment (COLA) given to employees in the calendar
30 year 2026;

31 Now, Therefore, The Board of Commissioners for the County of Ramsey Does,
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32 ORDAIN, That the annual salary for the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners for
33 calendar year 2027 shall increase to \$110,951 for County Board Members and to \$116,499 for the
34 County Board Chair; and Be it Further
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36 ORDAINED, With the exception of fees, payments and other compensation paid to an
37 officer of the Association of Minnesota Counties, the Board voted to decline fees, payments and
38 other compensation paid to County Board members in exchange for representing the County on
39 outside boards, committees and other governmental agencies and any subcommittees thereof,
40 and that any funds received by the County would remain within the County's General Fund; and
41 Be It Further
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43 ORDAINED, That the Commissioners are eligible to receive fees, payments and other
44 compensation paid from the following boards, committees and other governmental agencies
45 and any subcommittees thereof;
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47 Association of Minnesota Counties (if serving as an Officer)
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49 And Be It Further
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51 ORDAINED, That all appointments of County Commissioners to various boards,
52 committees and other governmental agencies shall be ratified by County Board resolution
53 before per diems shall be paid; and Be It Further
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55 ORDAINED, That any subsequent new appointments or changes in appointments to
56 new or existing boards, committees or governmental agencies, and any subsequent establishment

57 of new per diem rates or increase in current per diem rates shall be ratified by
58 County Board resolution before per diems shall be paid; And Be It Further

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60 ORDAINED, That any increase in per diems or new per diems which are approved by
61 the above described process, shall be included in the next annual salary ordinance, and Be It
62 Further

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64 ORDAINED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners shall be allowed to
65 receive actual and necessary expenses for attendance at conferences, seminars, etc., in
66 connection with their official County Commissioner duties as do all other Ramsey County
67 employees; and Be It Further

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69 ORDAINED, That unless a valid referendum petition is filed within 45 days after the
70 publication of this ordinance, this ordinance shall:

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72 a) Become effective on January 1, 2027 and replace the previous salary ordinance (Ordinance
73 B2025-138); and,
74 b) Continue in effect throughout calendar year 2027 and subsequent years until changed by a
75 subsequent County Board ordinance.

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PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 26, 2026	RBA #1 – Waive the First Reading and Set the Public Hearing Date for June 16, 2026
June 3, 2026	Official Newspaper (Press Pub) publishes Public Hearing Ordinance and Start of the 10-Day Notice for Ordinances
June 16, 2026	RBA #2 – Waive the Second Reading and Hold the Public Hearing
June 23, 2026	RBA #3 – Approve the Salary Ordinance for 2027
January 1, 2027	Effective Date of Ordinance

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

RECEIVED
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Carter Johnson, being first duly sworn, on oath states as follows:

- 1. I am the publisher of the VADNAIS HEIGHTS PRESS, or the publisher's designated agent. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this Affidavit, which is made pursuant of Minnesota Statutes §331A.07.
2. The newspaper has complied with all of the requirements to constitute a qualified newspaper under Minnesota law, including those requirements found in Minnesota Statutes §331A.02.
3. The dates of the month and the year and day of the week upon which the public notice attached was published in the newspaper are as follows:

Once a week, for one week, it was published on Wednesday, the 3rd day of June, 2026.

- 4. The publisher's lowest classified rate paid by commercial users for comparable space, as determined pursuant to §331A.06, is as follows:

- a) Lowest classified rate paid by commercial users for comparable space
b) Maximum rate allowed by law for the above matter
c) Total amount charged for the above matter \$ 7.05/inch

- 5. Mortgage Foreclosure Notices. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §580.033 relating to the publication of mortgage foreclosure notices: The newspaper's known office of issue is located in Ramsey County. The newspaper complies with the conditions described in §580.033, subd. 1, clause (1) or (2). If the newspaper's known office of issue is located in a county adjoining the county where the mortgaged premises or some part of the mortgaged premises described in the notice are located, a substantial portion of the newspaper's circulation is in the latter county.

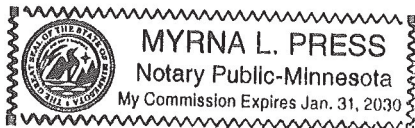
We are a qualified newspaper in the following counties: Anoka, Ramsey and Washington

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAITH NOT.

BY: [Signature]
TITLE: Carter Johnson, Publisher
PRESS PUBLICATIONS
4779 Bloom Avenue
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 3rd day of June, 2026.

[Signature]
Notary Public



**RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, in the Ramsey County Courthouse – Saint Paul City Hall (Council Chambers, Room 300), 15 West Kellogg Blvd, Saint Paul, MN 55102.

This Public Hearing will be conducted in order to afford the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed 2027 Salary Ordinance for compensation to the Board of Commissioners for calendar year 2027.

The entire proposed Ordinance can be found on Ramsey County's web site www.RamseyCountyMN.gov (under the Public Notice section on the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners' page), or obtained by calling Jason Yang, Chief Clerk – County Board (651) 266-9200.

Persons who intend to testify are requested to contact the Chief Clerk prior to Tuesday, June 16, 2026. If in-person testimony is not feasible, comments may alternately be provided via the following methods:

Email: chiefclerk@RamseyCountyMN.gov

Written Mail: Chief Clerk, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd., Suite 250, Saint Paul, MN 55102.

Published one time in the Vadnais Heights Press on June 3, 2026.

Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2026-208

Meeting Date: 6/16/2026

Sponsor: Board of Commissioners

Title

Appointment of Members to the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority for 2026

Recommendation

Approve the appointment of members to the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority for the year 2026.

Background and Rationale

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners is the entity that makes appointments to the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority. The appointments for 2026 are as follows:

- Commissioner Tara Jebens-Singh
- Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire
- Commissioner Garrison McMurtrey
- Commissioner Rena Moran
- Commissioner Rafael Ortega
- Commissioner Mai Chong Xiong
- Commissioner Kelly Miller

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being

Prosperity

Opportunity

Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

The Ramsey County Commissioners are appointed annually to the Economic Development Authority as an administrative function. The work of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority, in partnership with the Housing and Redevelopment authority and other entities, provides support to improve housing and economic development initiatives that advances racial equity. As stated in the Economic Competitiveness & Inclusion (ECI) Plan, the secret to Ramsey County's growth is the thing that makes its economy unique: a place as rich in cultural vitality as it is rich in economic opportunity. Racial equity is a regional competitiveness imperative for the county. The ECI Plan outlined several strategies and recommended actions that make Ramsey County a more economically competitive community. While Ramsey County has actively pursued opportunities to advance the goals established in the ECI Plan, the limitations of funding have prevented the county from fully acting on its commitment to the economic inclusion of all residents with specific attention previously underserved communities. Implementing EDA powers will lead to increased investment and support of businesses, retention and growth of small businesses, pathways to entrepreneurship for Black, Latinx, Asian, and Indigenous business owners, and will attract and grow high-wage industries.

Community Participation Level and Impact

This action provides transparency about the appointment process, which is strictly administrative and operational. The work of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority provides opportunities for the Ramsey County Commissioners to consult and collaborate with the community in supporting initiatives that are

important for entrepreneurs, small businesses and economic development.

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

There's no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Last Previous Action

On April 14, 2026, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved the Ramsey County Economic Development Strategy Launching Building Stronger Together (Resolution B2026-047).

On December 2, 2025, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners created the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority Implementation (Resolution B2025-229).

Attachments

None.

Item Number: 2026-204

Meeting Date: 6/16/2026

Sponsor: Social Services

Title

Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health for Pediatric Mental Health Training

Recommendation

1. Ratify the submittal of the grant application to the Minnesota Department of Health for Pediatric Mental Health Training for Social Services and Public Health staff.
2. Accept a grant award and approve a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health for Pediatric Mental Health Training for the period upon execution, through May 31, 2028, in the amount of \$265,000.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
4. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute amendments to agreements in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.

Background and Rationale

Youth in Ramsey County receive mental health services at different points: the Mental Health Clinic, the Mental Health Urgent Care, or the Juvenile Detention Center. At all locations, services are most often provided to youth and families in crisis and those with involvement in multiple systems. Across the United States, primary care providers are often tasked with meeting the needs of individuals seeking medication management for a single symptom diagnosis. When community medical providers identify presenting concerns of more significant emotional disturbance, they often seek to refer clients for specific psychiatric care, with referrals going to partners with established relationships. With this grant funding, the aim is to strengthen these relationships with primary care providers and develop referral pathways. Of those living with mental health concerns in communities served, it is known that there can be engagement with other systems of care. Some of the most complex cases are youth and families with child protection involvement, youth leaving residential mental health placements, and youth who are wards of the state seeking services at our locations. With provider connections within Ramsey County, there has been an increase in the past year of youth leaving facilities on first-generation antipsychotics, where families and providers indicate other community clinics refuse to offer medication support for these youth. With this challenge comes the concern that the current system does not have the appropriate mental health training to work effectively with this population.

The trainings supported by this funding opportunity will include but are not limited to: Maternal/Fetal Mental Health and Early Attachment, 0-3 Development and Early Identification of Mental Health Concerns, Adolescent Psychiatric Care in Primary Care Settings, Pediatric Psychopharmacology, Trauma Informed Pediatric Mental Health Care, Integrated Care for Complex Pediatric Mental Health Needs, Psychiatric Care in Juvenile Detention & High Acuity Settings, and more. The trainings will be provided on a monthly cadence with recorded options available for providers who cannot attend the live session.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being

Prosperity

Opportunity

Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

The Minnesota Department of Health Pediatric Mental Health Training grant supports training for prescribers who work directly with justice-involved youth, with the goal of improving clinical decision-making and reducing harmful or inconsistent prescribing practices. Strengthening prescriber knowledge in trauma-responsive, culturally informed care has a direct racial equity impact because it increases the likelihood that BIPOC youth receive appropriate, safe, and standardized treatment regardless of the facility or provider they encounter.

Community Participation Level and Impact

Having providers that are trained in pediatric mental health care will allow youth and families that reside in Ramsey County to receive well-informed care and treatment options.

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

This Minnesota Department of Health grant will provide funding for employee development on critical skills for working with youth experience of mental health concerns that would be otherwise unavailable to staff or a cost to the operating budget.

The total funding amount for this grant is \$265,000 and was not accounted for in the 2026-2027 budget. The funds will expire on May 31, 2028.

Last Previous Action

None.

Attachments

1. Grant Agreement from the Minnesota Department of Health

Minnesota Department of Health Grant Agreement Cover Sheet

You have received a Grant Agreement from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Information about the Grant Agreement, including funding details, are included below. Contact your MDH Grant Manager if you have questions about this cover sheet.

Attachment: Grant Agreement

Contact for MDH: Siham Abdellah, 651-201-3634, siham.abdellah@state.mn.us

Grantee SWIFT Information	Grant Agreement Information	Program & Funding Information
Name of MDH Grantee (as it appears in SWIFT): Ramsey County	SWIFT Contract Number: FM will insert grant number	MDH Program Name: FY26 Pediatric Primary Care Mental Health Training Grant Program
SWIFT Vendor Number: 0000196508 SWIFT Vendor Location Code: 001	Effective Date: June 17, 2026, OR the date all signatures are collected, and the agreement is fully executed, whichever is later. Expiration Date: May 31, 2028	Total State Grant Funds: \$265,000 Total Federal Grant Funds: \$0 Total Grant Funds (all funds): \$265,000

Minnesota Department of Health

Grant Agreement

This Grant Agreement is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Health (“MDH”) and Ramsey County (“Grantee”). Grantee’s address is 121 7th Place E, Mail Stop 5100, St. Paul, MN 55101.

Recitals

1. MDH is empowered to enter into this Grant Agreement under Minn. Stat. §§ [144.05](#), [144.0742](#), and [144.1509](#).
2. MDH is in need of pediatric mental health training programs located in outpatient primary care clinics. As a result, pediatric patients served by outpatient primary care clinics will receive more effective and timely care for mental health needs.
3. The vision of MDH is for health equity in Minnesota, where all communities are thriving and all people have what they need to be healthy. Health equity is achieved when every person has the opportunity to attain their health potential. Grantee agrees, where applicable, to perform its work with advancing health equity as a goal.
4. Grantee represents that it is duly qualified and will perform all the activities according to the terms of this Grant Agreement.

Grant Agreement

1. Term of Agreement

1.1. **Effective Date**

June 17, 2026, or the date MDH obtains all required signatures under [Minn. Stat. § 16B.98](#), subd. 5, whichever is later. Per [Minn. Stat. § 16B.98](#), subd 7, no payments will be made to the Grantee until this Grant Agreement is fully executed. Grantee must not begin work until this Grant Agreement is fully executed and MDH’s Authorized Representative has notified Grantee that work may commence. No costs may be incurred prior to the Grant Agreement being fully executed.

1.2. **Expiration Date**

May 31, 2028, or until all obligations have been fulfilled to the satisfaction of MDH, whichever occurs first.

1.3. **Survival of Terms**

The following clauses survive the expiration or cancellation of this Grant Agreement: Liability; Financial Examinations; Government Data Practices; Tax Compliance Verification; Ownership of Equipment and Supplies; Intellectual Property; Publicity and Endorsement; and Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue.

2. Activities

2.1. ***MDH's Activities***

MDH activities, in accordance with the Minnesota Department of Administration's Office of Grants Management's policies and federal regulations, may include but are not limited to financial reconciliations, site visits, programmatic monitoring of activities performed, and grant activity evaluation.

2.2. ***Grantee's Activities***

Grantee, who is not a state employee, shall conduct the activities specified in Exhibit A, which is attached and incorporated into this Grant Agreement.

3. Time

Grantee is required to perform all of the activities stated in this Grant Agreement, and any incorporated exhibits, within the Grant Agreement period. MDH is not obligated to extend the Grant Agreement period. Failure to meet a deadline may be a basis for a determination by MDH's Authorized Representative that Grantee has not complied with the terms of the Grant Agreement.

4. Award and Payment

MDH will award funds to Grantee for all activities performed in accordance with this Grant Agreement.

4.1. ***Grant Award***

Reimbursement will be in accordance with the agreed upon budget contained in Exhibit B, which is attached and incorporated into this Grant Agreement.

4.2. ***Administrative Costs.***

Grantee agrees that administrative costs must be necessary and reasonable as a condition of this Grant Agreement pursuant to [Minn. Stat. § 16B.98](#), subd 1. Administrative costs will be reimbursed in accordance with the agreed upon budget.

4.3. ***Travel Expenses***

Grantee will be reimbursed for mileage at the current IRS rate in effect at the time the travel occurred; meals and lodging expenses will be reimbursed in the same manner and in no greater amount than provided in the current "[Commissioner's Plan](#)" promulgated by the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget ("MMB"); or, at the Grantee's established rate (for all travel related costs), whichever is lower, at the time travel occurred. Grantee will not be reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses incurred outside Minnesota unless Grantee has received MDH's prior written approval for out-of-state travel. Minnesota will be considered the home state for determining whether travel is out-of-state.

4.4. **Budget Modifications**

Grantee may modify any line item in the most recently agreed-upon budget by up to 10 percent without prior written approval from MDH. Grantee must notify MDH of any modifications up to 10 percent in writing no later than the next invoice. Grantee must obtain prior written approval from MDH for line-item modifications greater than 10 percent. Grantee's failure to obtain MDH's prior approval may result in denial of modification request, loss of funds, or both. The total obligation of MDH for all compensation and reimbursements to Grantee shall not exceed the total obligation listed under "Total Obligation."

4.5. **Total Obligation**

The total obligation of MDH for all compensation and reimbursements to Grantee under this Grant Agreement will not exceed \$265,000.

4.6. **Terms of Payment**

4.6.1. **Invoices**

MDH will promptly pay Grantee after Grantee presents an itemized invoice for the activities actually performed and MDH's Authorized Representative accepts the invoiced activities. Invoices must be submitted at least quarterly or according to a schedule agreed upon by the Parties. The final invoice is due 30 calendar days after the expiration date of the Grant Agreement.

4.7. **Contracting and Bidding Requirements**

4.7.1. **Municipalities**

A grantee that is a municipality, as defined in [Minn. Stat. § 471.345](#), subd. 1, is subject to the contracting requirements set forth under [Minn. Stat. § 471.345](#). Projects that involve construction work are subject to the applicable prevailing wage laws, including those under [Minn. Stat. § 177.41](#), et. seq.

4.7.2. **Non-municipalities**

Grantees that are not municipalities must adhere to the following standards in the event that activities assigned to Grantee are to be subcontracted out to a third party:

- i. Any services or materials that are expected to cost \$100,000 or more must undergo a formal notice and bidding process.
- ii. Services or materials that are expected to cost between \$25,000 and \$99,999 must be competitively awarded based on a minimum of three verbal quotes or bids or awarded to a targeted vendor.
- iii. Services or materials that are expected to cost between \$10,000 and \$24,999 must be competitively awarded based on a minimum of two verbal quotes or bids or awarded to a targeted vendor.
- iv. Grantee must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that targeted vendors from businesses with active certifications through the following entities are used when possible:

- 1) Minnesota Department of Administration's Certified Targeted Group, Economically Disadvantaged and Veteran-Owned Vendor List (<https://mn.gov/admin/osp/government/procuregoodsandgeneralservices/tgedvo-directory/>);
 - 2) Metropolitan Council's Targeted Vendor list: Minnesota Unified Certification Program (<https://mnuccp.metc.state.mn.us/>); or
 - 3) Small Business Certification Program through Hennepin County, Ramsey County, and City of St. Paul: Central Certification Program (<https://cert.smwbe.com/>).
- v. Grantee must maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, awarding and administration of contracts.
 - vi. Grantee must maintain support documentation of the purchasing or bidding process utilized to contract services in their financial records, including support documentation justifying a single/sole source bid, if applicable.
 - vii. Notwithstanding parts (i) through (iv) above, MDH may waive the formal bidding process requirements when:
 - Vendors included in response to a competitive grant request for proposal process were approved and incorporated as an approved work plan for the Grant Agreement or
 - There is only one legitimate or practical source for such materials or services and Grantee has established that the vendor is charging a fair and reasonable price.
 - viii. Projects that involve construction work of \$25,000 or more, are subject to applicable prevailing wage laws, including those under [Minn. Stat. §§ 177.41](#) through 177.50.
 - ix. Grantee must not contract with vendors who are suspended or debarred by the State of Minnesota or the federal government. The list of debarred vendors in Minnesota is available at: [Suspended/Debarred Vendors](#) (<https://mn.gov/admin/osp/government/suspended-debarred/>). The list of suspended and debarred entities by the federal government is available at www.sam.gov.

5. Conditions of Payment

All activities performed by Grantee pursuant to this Grant Agreement must be performed in accordance with the terms of this Grant Agreement, as determined in the sole discretion of MDH's Authorized Representative. Furthermore, all activities performed by Grantee must be in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations. Applicable state laws include, but are not limited to, the Minnesota Human Rights Act ([Minn. Stat. ch. 363A](#)) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, gender, identity, sexual orientation, age, marital status, public assistance status, familial status, and disability. MDH will not pay Grantee for work that MDH determines is noncompliant with the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement or performed in violation of federal, state, or local law, ordinance, rule, or regulation.

6. Requirements for Other Legal Agreements

- 6.1. Grantee must utilize a formal legal agreement if it engages with another party to carry out a portion of the activities listed in this Grant Agreement. Grantee must provide timely notice to MDH of any such agreement prior to the other party/ies performing work under this Grant Agreement. Such notice must include the name of the other party; description of the activities to be performed; dates activities will be performed; and the total budget.
- 6.2. Grantee must monitor the activities of the other party/ies to ensure funds are used for authorized purposes; is in compliance with the terms and conditions of the legal agreement, [Minn. Stat. § 16B.97](#), subd. 4(a)(1), and other relevant statutes and regulations; and that performance goals are achieved.
- 6.3. If MDH becomes aware of unsatisfactory performance and or noncompliance, MDH reserves the right to require Grantee to terminate the legal agreement with the other party.
- 6.4. No legal agreement with any other party shall terminate or in any way affect the legal responsibility of the Grantee to MDH for timely and satisfactory performance of the Grant Agreement.
- 6.5. Grantee and the other party must not enter into a legal agreement with vendors who are suspended or debarred by the State of Minnesota or the federal government. The list of debarred vendors in Minnesota is available at: [Suspended/Debarred Vendors \(https://mn.gov/admin/osp/government/suspended-debarred/\)](#). The list of suspended and debarred entities by the federal government is available at [www.sam.gov](#).

7. Authorized Representatives

- 7.1. ***MDH's Authorized Representative***
MDH's Authorized Representative for purposes of administering this Grant Agreement is Siham Abdellah, State Program Administrator, PO Box 64975, St. Paul, MN 55164-0975, 651-201-3634, siham.abdellah@state.mn.us, or their successor, and has the responsibility to monitor Grantee's performance and the final authority to accept the activities performed under this Grant Agreement. If the activities performed are satisfactory, MDH's Authorized Representative will certify acceptance on each invoice submitted for payment.
- 7.2. ***Grantee's Authorized Representative***
Grantee's Authorized Representative is Kim Klose, Grants and Revenue Manager, 121 7th Place E, Mail Stop 5100, St. Paul, MN 55101, 651-266-8058, kim.klose@ramseycountymn.gov, or their successor. Grantee's Authorized Representative has full authority to represent Grantee in fulfillment of the terms, conditions, and requirements of this Grant Agreement. If Grantee selects a new Authorized Representative at any time during this Grant Agreement, Grantee must immediately notify MDH's Authorized Representative in writing, via e-mail or letter.

8. Assignment, Amendments, Waiver, and Grant Agreement Complete

8.1. ***Assignment***

Grantee shall neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this Grant Agreement.

8.2. Amendments

If there are any amendments to this Grant Agreement, they must be in writing. Amendments will not be effective until they have been executed and approved by MDH and Grantee.

8.3. Waiver

If MDH fails to enforce any provision of this Grant Agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or MDH's right to enforce it.

8.4. Grant Agreement Complete

This Grant Agreement, and any incorporated exhibits, contains all the negotiations and agreements between MDH and Grantee. No other understanding regarding this Grant Agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

9. Liability

Grantee must indemnify and hold harmless MDH, its agents, and employees from all claims or causes of action, including attorneys' fees incurred by MDH, arising from the performance of this Grant Agreement by Grantee or Grantee's agents or employees. This clause will not be construed to bar any legal remedies Grantee may have for MDH's failure to fulfill its obligations under this Grant Agreement. Nothing in this clause may be construed as a waiver by Grantee of any immunities or limitations of liability to which Grantee may be entitled pursuant to [Minn. Stat. ch. 466](#), or any other statute or law.

10. Financial Examinations

The relevant books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of Grantee and any entity with which Grantee has engaged in carrying out the purpose of this Grant Agreement are subject to examination under [Minn. Stat. § 16B.98](#), subd. 8. Examinations may be conducted by MDH, the Minnesota Commissioner of Administration, the Minnesota State Auditor, Attorney General, or and the Minnesota Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the end of this Grant Agreement, receipt and approval of all final reports, or the required period of time to satisfy all state and program retention requirements, whichever is later.

11. Government Data Practices

MDH, Grantee, and any other entity that the Grantee has contracted with to fulfill the purpose of this Grant Agreement, must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, [Minn. Stat. ch. 13](#), as it applies to all data provided by MDH under this Grant Agreement, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by Grantee under this Grant Agreement pursuant to [Minn. Stat. § 13.05](#), subd. 11(a). The civil remedies of [Minn. Stat. § 13.08](#) apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either Grantee or MDH.

If Grantee receives a request to release the data referred to in this clause, Grantee must immediately notify MDH. MDH will give Grantee instructions concerning the release of the data to

the requesting party before any data is released. Grantee's response to the request must comply with the applicable law.

12. Tax Compliance Verification

Pursuant to [Minn. Stat. § 270C.65](#), subd. 3, and all other applicable laws, Grantee consents to disclosure of its Social Security Number (SSN), Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN), Employer Identification Number (EIN), and Minnesota Tax Identification Number (TIN), all of which have already been provided to MDH, federal and state tax agencies, and state personnel involved in the payment of state obligations. As may be applicable, these identification numbers may be used in the enforcement of federal and state tax laws which could result in action requiring the Grantee to file tax returns and pay delinquent tax liabilities, if any, or pay other state liabilities.

13. Ownership of Equipment and Supplies

13.1. Equipment

"Equipment" is defined as tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds \$10,000. MDH shall have the right to require transfer of all Equipment purchased with grant funds (including title) to MDH or to an eligible non-State party named by MDH. MDH may require the transfer of Equipment if the grant program is transferred to another grantee. At the end of this Grant Agreement, grantee must contact MDH's Authorized Representative for further instruction regarding the disposition of Equipment.

13.2. Supplies

"Supplies" is defined as all tangible personal property other than those described in the definition of Equipment. Grantee must notify MDH's Authorized Representative regarding any remaining Supplies with an aggregate market value of \$10,000 or more for further instruction regarding the disposition of those Supplies. For the purpose of this section, Supplies includes but is not limited to computers and incentives.

14. Ownership of Materials and Intellectual Property Rights

14.1. Ownership of Materials

"Materials" is defined as any inventions, reports, studies, designs, drawings, specifications, notes, documents, software, computer-based training modules, and other recorded materials in whatever form. Grantee shall own all rights, title, and interest in all of the materials conceived, created, or otherwise arising out of the performance of this Grant Agreement by it, its employees, or subgrantees, either individually or jointly with others.

Grantee hereby grants to MDH a perpetual, irrevocable, no-fee license and right to reproduce, modify, distribute, perform, make, have made, and otherwise use the Materials for any and all purposes, in all forms and manners that MDH, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate. Grantee shall, upon the request of MDH, execute all papers and perform all other acts necessary to document and secure this right and license to the Materials by MDH. At the request of MDH, Grantee shall permit MDH to inspect the original Materials and provide a copy of any of the Materials to MDH, without cost, for use by MDH in any manner MDH, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate.

14.2. *Intellectual Property Rights*

Grantee represents and warrants that Materials produced or used under this Grant Agreement do not and will not infringe upon any intellectual property rights of another including but not limited to patents, copyrights, trade secrets, trade names, and service marks and names. Grantee shall indemnify and defend MDH, at Grantee's expense, from any action or claim brought against MDH to the extent that it is based on a claim that all or parts of the materials infringe upon the intellectual property rights of another. Grantee shall be responsible for payment of any and all such claims, demands, obligations, liabilities, costs, and damages including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney fees arising out of this Grant Agreement, amendments and supplements thereto, which are attributable to such claims or actions. If such a claim or action arises or in Grantee's or MDH's opinion is likely to arise, Grantee shall at MDH's discretion either procure for MDH the right or license to continue using the materials at issue or replace or modify the allegedly infringing materials. This remedy shall be in addition to and shall not be exclusive of other remedies provided by law.

15. Workers' Compensation

Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with [Minn. Stat. § 176.181](#), subd. 2, which pertains to workers' compensation insurance coverage. Grantee's employees and agents, and any contractor hired by Grantee to perform the work required by this Grant Agreement and its employees, will not be considered State employees. Any claims that may arise under the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Act on behalf of these employees, and any claims made by any third party as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of these employees, are in no way MDH's obligation or responsibility.

16. Publicity and Endorsement

16.1. *Publicity*

Any publicity given to the program, publications, or activities performed resulting from this Grant Agreement, including but not limited to, websites, social media platforms, notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for Grantee or its employees individually or jointly with others, or any subgrantees, must identify MDH as the sponsoring agency. If publicity is not specifically authorized under this Grant Agreement, Grantee must obtain prior written approval from MDH's Authorized Representative. If federal funding is being used for this Grant Agreement, the federal program must also be recognized.

16.2. *Endorsement*

Grantee must not claim that MDH endorses its products, services, or activities.

17. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue

This Grant Agreement, amendments and supplements to it, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota. Venue for all legal proceedings arising out of this Grant Agreement, or for breach thereof, must be in the state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

18. Clerical Error

Notwithstanding Clause “Assignment, Amendments, Waiver, and Grant Agreement Complete” of this Grant Agreement, MDH reserves the right to unilaterally fix clerical errors, defined as misspellings, minor grammatical or typographical mistakes or omissions, that do not have a substantive impact on the terms of the Grant Agreement without executing an amendment. MDH must inform Grantee of clerical errors that have been fixed pursuant to this paragraph within a reasonable period of time.

19. Lobbying

- 19.1. Grantee must ensure that grant funds are not used for lobbying, which includes paying or compensating any person for influencing or attempting to influence legislators or other public officials on behalf or against proposed legislation, in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- 19.2. In accordance with the provisions of [31 USC § 1352](#), if Grantee uses any funds other than federal funds from MDH to conduct any of the aforementioned activities, Grantee must complete and submit to MDH the disclosure form specified by MDH. Further, Grantee must include the language of this section in all contracts and subcontracts, and all contractors and subcontractors must comply accordingly.
- 19.3. Providing education about the importance of policies as a public health strategy, however, is allowed. Education includes providing facts, assessment of data, reports, program descriptions, and information about budget issues and population impacts, but stopping short of making a recommendation on a specific piece of legislation. Education may be provided to legislators, public policy makers, other decision makers, specific stakeholders, and the general community.
- 19.4. By signing this Grant Agreement, Grantee certifies that it will not use any funds received from MDH to employ, contract with, or otherwise coordinate the efforts of a lobbyist, as defined in [Minn. Stat. § 10A.01](#), subd. 21. This requirement also applies to any subcontractors or subgrantees that Grantee may engage for any activities pertinent to this Grant Agreement.

20. Voter Registration Requirement

Grantee will comply with [Minn. Stat. § 201.162](#), by providing voter registration services for its employees and for the public served by Grantee.

21. Debarment, Suspension and Responsibility Certification

Federal regulation [2 CFR § 200.214](#) prohibits MDH from purchasing goods or services with federal money from any party that has been suspended or debarred by the federal government. Similarly, [Minn. Stat. §§ 16C.03](#), subd. 2, and [16B.97](#), subd. 3, provides the Commissioner of Administration with the authority to debar and suspend any party that seeks to contract with MDH.

Anyone may be suspended or debarred when it is determined, through a duly authorized hearing process, that they have abused the public trust in a serious manner. In particular, the federal

government expects MDH to have a process in place for determining whether a vendor has been suspended or debarred, and to prevent such vendors from receiving federal funds.

By signing this Grant Agreement, Grantee certifies that it and its principals:

- a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from transacting business by or with any federal, state or local governmental department or agency;
- b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this Grant Agreement: a) been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain or performing a public (federal, state or local) transaction or contract; b) violated any federal or state antitrust statutes; or c) committed embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements or receiving stolen property;
- c) Are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity for: a) commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain or performing a public (federal, state of local) transaction; b) violating any federal or state antitrust statutes; or c) committing embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statement or receiving stolen property; and
- d) Are not aware of any information and possess no knowledge that any subcontractor(s) that will perform work pursuant to this Grant Agreement are in violation of any of the certifications set forth above.

22. Incentives

When included in the approved Work Plan or Budget, the following language applies.

22.1. *Handling of Incentives*

Grantee is required to have policies and procedures in place addressing the purchasing, security, distribution, and asset tracking of incentives. All grantee staff involved in the purchase, distribution, security, and reconciling of incentives must be trained on the grantee's policies and procedures prior to the grantee placing any order for incentives. Those policies and procedures must, at a minimum, include the provisions outlined in this section.

22.2. *Separation of duties*

More than one Grantee staff person must be involved in the management and handling of the incentives. The Grantee staff who authorizes the purchase of incentives must not have sole physical access to the incentives. The Grantee staff who will have physical access to the incentives cannot have sole access to modify the incentives records. Handoff of incentive from one person to another must be documented.

22.3. *Distribution of Incentives*

Incentives may only be used for approved purposes by MDH.

- a) Only one incentive can be given to an individual per occurrence/event.

- b) Undistributed incentives must always be kept in a secure location. Incentive instruments must never be stored in any personal homes, they must always be securely stored in the grantee's business space.
- c) Grantee will purchase and have on hand no more than three months' worth of incentives at any given time. The three months' worth must be based off the most currently approved workplan. All incentives must be distributed prior to grantee purchasing additional incentives.
- d) Grantee will be responsible for the costs of any incentives that remain undistributed at the end of the Grant Agreement.
- e) If MDH provided the grantee with the incentives, the return of undistributed incentives to MDH must occur in person with the MDH's Authorized Representative within 30 calendar days of the grant expiration date. If in-person return is not possible, the grantee must return undistributed incentives via courier or via US Mail that requires signatures and a tracking number within 30 calendar days of the grant expiration date.
- f) The tracking log must be returned separately from the physical cards. Electronic return is the preferred method for the tracking log.

22.4. *Incentive tracking documentation*

The tracking documentation the Grantee is required to maintain must not contain any private data. The tracking system must record the following:

- a) Number of incentives on hand, including starting balance and any additional incentives purchased;
- b) description of the incentives;
- c) quantity of incentive(s) distributed to each participant;
- d) the last four digits of any pre-paid card number;
- e) value/amount;
- f) a unique non-identifiable data point for each participant (e.g. case number, file number);
- g) date participant received incentive(s); and
- h) signature of Grantee staff member providing incentive(s) to participant(s).

22.5. *Reconciliation*

At least two different Grantee staff must reconcile the incentives at least quarterly. The Grantee staff conducting the reconciliation must not also be the handlers of the incentives. The reconciliation must include the dates and signature of the two people who perform the reconciliation. Grantee must submit the reconciliation documentation to MDH's Authorized Representative no less than two weeks after each reconciliation.

22.6. *Subcontracting/Subgranting*

The Grantee must communicate and verify that their subcontracts/subgrants will only use incentives for MDH approved purposes. The Grantee will be responsible for monitoring, oversight, and reconciliation of any incentives that its subcontractors or subgrantees

purchase and distribute and will include this same language in any of its subgrants or subcontracts that it enters as part of its work for MDH.

22.7. *Lost or stolen incentives*

The Grantee bears all financial responsibility for any unaccounted for, lost, or stolen incentives.

22.8. *Invoicing*

If the Grantee purchased the incentives themselves, the Grantee must only invoice MDH for the incentives after they've been distributed.

22.9. *Failure to Comply*

For grantees who do not have effective written policies and procedures in place before purchasing incentives, MDH reserves the right to withhold payment and or request reimbursement in the amount equal to the unallowable costs. Withheld payments will be released when the grantee provides documentation to MDH that it has written effective policies and procedures in place. Grantees who do not comply with this requirement may be subject to increased monitoring and will be offered technical assistance. MDH also reserves the right to terminate a Grant Agreement for failure to comply with these requirements.

23. Conflict of Interest

Grantee will notify MDH's Authorized Representative when they become aware of any potential, perceived, or actual conflict of interests as it relates to this Grant Agreement.

24. Mandatory Disclosures

An applicant, recipient, or subrecipient of funding under this Grant Agreement must promptly disclose whenever, in connection with this Grant Agreement (including any activities or subawards thereunder), it has credible evidence of the commission of a violation of criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, or gratuity violations found in Title 18 of the United States Code or [Minn. Stat., ch. 609](#), or a violation of the civil False Claims Act ([31 U.S.C. 329–3733](#)) or [Minn. Stat. § 609.465](#) (prohibiting the presentation of false claims to a public officer or body). The disclosure must be made in writing to the Federal agency (if applicable), the Federal agency's Office of Inspector General (if applicable), and MDH. Applicants, recipients, and subrecipients are also required to report matters related to recipient integrity and performance in accordance with Appendix XII of [2 CFR § 200](#). Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in [2 CFR § 200.339](#). (See also [2 CFR § 180](#), [31 U.S.C. 3321](#), and [41 U.S.C. 2313](#).)

25. Whistleblower Protections

An employee of a recipient or subrecipient must not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing to a representative of MDH or a person or body described in [paragraph \(a\)\(2\) of 41 U.S.C. 4712](#) information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a Federal or state contract or grant, a gross waste of Federal or state funds, an abuse of authority relating to a Federal or state contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal or state contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or

grant. The-recipient and subrecipient must inform their employees in writing of employee whistleblower rights and protections under [41 U.S.C. 4712](#) and Minn. Stat. §§ [15C.145](#) and [181.932](#) - .935. See statutory requirements for whistleblower protections at [10 U.S.C. 4701](#), [41 U.S.C. 4712](#), [41 U.S.C. 4304](#), and [10 U.S.C. 4310](#).

26. Suspension for Insufficient Funding

In the event of temporary lack of funding or appropriation, MDH may suspend its obligations under this Grant Agreement without terminating it. This suspension will be for the duration of the lack of funding or appropriation and shall not be considered a termination of the Grant Agreement. MDH will not be assessed any penalty if the Grant Agreement is terminated because of the decision of the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source, not to appropriate funds.

- 26.1. Grantee will be notified in writing of the temporary suspension, and Grantee's ability to perform under the Grant Agreement will be suspended during this period. MDH will provide reasonable notice to Grantee of the lack of funding or appropriation and shall notify Grantee once funding is restored or appropriated, and at MDH's discretion, performance under the Grant Agreement may resume.
- 26.2. MDH may convert the suspension for insufficient funding to termination under clause 27.3. upon written notice to Grantee.
- 26.3. Grantee may reject MDH's suspension for insufficient funding by written response to the notice of suspension. If Grantee rejects suspension, the notice of suspension shall be effective as a notice of termination under clause 27.3 with the same effective date as was provided for the suspension.

27. Termination

27.1. Termination by MDH or Grantee

MDH or Grantee may terminate this Grant Agreement without cause, with at least 21 calendar days' written notice (i.e., by mail, email, or both) to the other party. Upon termination, Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for activities satisfactorily performed.

27.2. Termination for Cause

MDH may immediately terminate this Grant Agreement if MDH finds there has been a failure to comply with the provisions of this Grant Agreement, that timely progress has not been made, or that the purposes for which the funds were granted have not been or will not be fulfilled. MDH may take action to protect the interests of the State of Minnesota, including the refusal to disburse additional funds and requiring the return of all or part of the funds already disbursed.

27.3. Termination for Insufficient Funding

MDH may immediately terminate this Grant Agreement if it does not obtain funding from the Minnesota Legislature or other funding sources; or if funding cannot be continued at a level sufficient to allow for the payment of the work scope covered in this Grant Agreement. Termination must be by written notice to Grantee; i.e., mail, email, or both. MDH is not obligated to pay for any work performed after notice and effective date of the termination.

However, Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for activities satisfactorily performed to the extent that funds are available.

MDH will not be assessed any penalty if this Grant Agreement is terminated because of the decision of the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source, not to appropriate funds. MDH must provide Grantee notice of the lack of funding within a reasonable time of MDH receiving notice of the same.

27.4. Termination by Commissioner of Administration

The Commissioner of Administration may immediately and unilaterally terminate this Grant Agreement if further performance under the Grant Agreement would not serve MDH's purposes or performance under the Grant Agreement is not in the best interests of the State of Minnesota.

Exhibits

The following Exhibits are attached and incorporated into this Grant Agreement. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Grant Agreement and its Exhibits, or between Exhibits, the order of precedence is first the Grant Agreement, and then in the following order:

1. Exhibit A – Grantee's Activities / Scope of Work
2. Exhibit B – Grantee's Budget

[Signatures on following page]

APPROVED:

1. State Encumbrance Verification

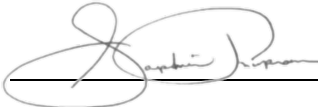
Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minn. Stat. §§ [16A.15](#) and [16C.05](#).

Signature: _____

SWIFT Contract & Initial PO: _____

2. Grantee

Grantee certifies that the appropriate persons(s) have executed the Grant Agreement on behalf of Grantee as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions, or ordinances.

Signature:  _____

Title: Director of Social Services

Date: 6/10/2026

Signature: Lindsey Millard

Title: Assistant County Attorney

Date: 6/10/26

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

3. Minnesota Department of Health

Grant agreement approval and certification that State funds have been encumbered as required by Minn. Stat. §§ [16A.15](#) and [16C.05](#).

Signature: _____
(with delegated authority)

Title: _____

Date: _____

Distribution:

All parties on the DocuSign envelope will receive a copy of the fully executed Grant Agreement.

Exhibit A – Grantee’s Activities / Scope of Work

Grantee is expected to perform the following activities. Modifications to Exhibit A must be discussed with MDH. MDH will communicate, in writing, with Grantee as to whether modifications are approved or require a formal grant amendment.

Grantee shall reference the detailed workplan developed with MDH for details of the activity start and end date and outcomes for each activity.

Activity/Work Plan	Responsible Position	Completion Date
Increase Specialized Pediatric Mental Health Training: Develop and implement a structured, year-long pediatric mental health training. Includes 12-month curriculum, quarterly case consultations, and training for medical providers across Ramsey County Service areas including correctional health and public health. Data collected: attendance logs, Continuing Medical Education (CME) documentation, competency checklists, number of staff trained by role.	Medical Director and Medical Provider at Detention Center, Program Manager	May 2028
Ongoing and Recorded Training Development: Develop recorded pediatric mental health training modules for onboarding and sustainability. Used for clinicians and county partners. Data collected: number of modules created and connection with grant scoped work.	Pediatric Psychiatric Provider Senior Clinicians; Program Manager	May 2028
Partnership Building and Integration: Strengthen partnerships with primary care clinics, hospital systems, and county divisions to support early identification, referral pathways, consultation access, and shared-care models. Data collected: number of partners engaged; referral activity; consultation utilization. Tracking of policy change and implementation.	Community & Systems Liaison; Pediatric Providers; Program Manager	May 2028
System Change Review and Outcome Evaluation: Review system-level changes and assess improvements in provider competency, care coordination, and sustainability. Data collected: QA audits, provider feedback, final outcome summary report.	Medical Director; Program Manager	May 2028
Grantee will develop, and submit to MDH for review and approval, a policy regarding time and effort documentation.	Project Manager	October 2026
In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 16B.98 , subd. 5(d), Grantee must clearly post on Grantee’s website the names of, and contact information for, the Grantee’s	Project Manager	May 2028

Activity/Work Plan	Responsible Position	Completion Date
leadership and the employee or other person who directly manages and oversees this Grant Agreement on behalf of the Grantee.		
Any digital materials created, and shared outside of the grantee's organization, Grantee is required to comply with State of Minnesota's Digital Accessibility Standard. This requirement flows down to any subcontractors and or any third-party entity the Grantee may utilize and compensate with MDH grant funds. The statewide Standard can be viewed online at Accessibility Policies & Standards / Minnesota IT Services	Project Manager	May 2028

Grantee is subject to a variety of compliance activities, as outlined below.

Report Type	Reporting Period / Frequency	Due to MDH
Progress Report(s)	January 1 st through March 31 st April 1 st through June 30 th July 1 st through September 30 th October 1 st through December 31 st	20 calendar days after the end of the reporting period
Invoice(s)	January 1 st through March 31 st April 1 st through June 30 th July 1 st through September 30 th October 1 st through December 31 st	20 calendar days after the end of the reporting period
Monitoring/On-Site Visit(s)	One Monitoring/On-Site Visit will be conducted before final payment is made.	MDH will contact Grantee with additional information.
Financial Reconciliation(s)	One Financial Reconciliation will be conducted before final payment is made.	MDH will contact Grantee with additional information

Exhibit B – Grantee’s Budget

The budget shown below is for reference only and is non-binding.

Category	Total
Salaries	\$25,000
Fringe	\$10,000
Equipment	\$0
Supplies	\$70,000
Travel	\$0
Contractual	\$135,000
Other	\$0
Subtotal	\$240,000
Indirect (if allowed)	\$25,000
Amount Awarded	\$265,000

Grantee’s Indirect Cost Rate for this Grant Agreement is as follows. MDH will notify Grantee, in writing, if the rate allowed changes and the effective date of such change.

Grantee requesting to use other rate, not to exceed the state de minimis rate:

Rate: 10%

Item Number: 2026-211

Meeting Date: 6/16/2026

Sponsor: Community & Economic Development

Title

Fund Transfer from Bond Interest to Park at RiversEdge

Recommendation

Authorize the County Manager to transfer up to \$1,200,000 from bond interest and premiums to the Park at RiversEdge project account for project activities.

Background and Rationale

The Park at RiversEdge is a key part of the county's Building Stronger Together Plan to build a dynamic downtown through strategic investments. The project includes building a pedestrian land bridge which creates new, accessible access from downtown to the river. To accomplish that connection, a series of transmission towers needs to be relocated to make way for pedestrian access.

On April 14, 2026, the board approved a scoping estimate agreement with Xcel to start the transmission relocation project, removing an impediment to the overall project vision. That board action authorized a payment of just over \$2 million to Xcel for engineering and an initial materials payment. With that payment, the project account needs to be replenished to allow progress to continue at an accelerated pace.

As discussed at the May 26, 2026 board workshop, near-term activities include hiring a design firm, paying for third party marketing for private development, and continuing work with the railroads. This action provides the necessary resources for things including but not limited to engineering, design, environmental and financial analyses, legal, community engagement, and communications that advance these critical path items.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being

Prosperity

Opportunity

Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

RiversEdge is a major redevelopment project that will create jobs, provide new accessible connections through downtown, grow the tax base and become a hub of economic activity.

This investment advances the county's Building Stronger Together plan and reflects Ramsey County's commitment to addressing longstanding racial and economic disparities. By prioritizing inclusive economic growth, strengthening partnerships, and targeting investment where it is most needed, the county can help expand access to opportunity, support wealth-building, and ensure economic development benefits all residents including communities that have historically experienced disinvestment and exclusion.

Community Participation Level and Impact

This project is informed by years of shared community engagement and stated city and county goals. It reflects a collaboration with an array of stakeholders including Saint Paul, the Saint Paul Downtown Alliance, community organizations, and residents to strengthen downtown through safe, reliable infrastructure and inclusive economic growth.

Embedded in the community-driven vision of the Building Stronger Together plan, this project aligns with priorities identified through extensive community engagement and long-range planning efforts, including the Economic Competitiveness and Inclusion Plan, the All Abilities 2050 Transportation Plan, Climate Equity Action Plan, and Transportation Investment Plan.

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

In coordination with the Finance Department, it is recommended that bond interest be utilized to fund this request. Adequate funding is available in the bond interest account.

Last Previous Action

On April 14, 2026, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved the Agreement with Xcel Energy for Transmission Tower Relocation (Resolution B2026-111).

On February 6, 2024, the Ramsey County Board approved an Allocation of \$1.8 million to the Park at RiversEdge as matching funds for a \$6.22 million state appropriation (Resolution B2024-020).

On December 12, 2023, the Ramsey County Board accepted the funds and approved a Grant Agreement with the Metropolitan Council for \$6.22 million (Resolution B2023-231).

On March 14, 2023, the Ramsey County Board approved Capital Improvement Program Budgeting Process Updates as needed to reflect the vision, mission, and goals of Ramsey County (Resolution B2023-043).

Attachments

None.