
Sponsor: Community Corrections

Meeting Date: 11/19/2024

Title: Community Corrections Department Annual Authority for Procurement Requests

File Number: 2024-518

Background and Rationale:

Ramsey County Community Corrections operates across the Health and Wellness and Safety and Justice Service Teams, collaborating with the Second Judicial District and community service providers. It supports the criminal justice system through client screening, assessments, court reports, community supervision, and short-term custody. Its strategic goals- One Client One Plan, Reflect the Communities We Serve, Communicate and Engage, and More Community, Less Confinement-align with both Health and Wellness Service Team and the Ramsey County Board's Strategic Plan.

This board request seeks to streamline procurement processes in agreements for services the department provides, including direct agreements with mental health services when demand exceeds available vendors. These agreements provide essential services to justice-involved clients, helping them manage their risk of reoffending, address identified areas of need, and ultimately supporting their successful completion of probation and reintegration as productive members of the community.

The proposal promotes transparency in community engagement during contracting, especially for racially and culturally diverse individuals and families. Board approval will still be sought for policy changes, new grants, or budget impacts, while maintaining a competitive solicitation process.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Authorize the County Manager, subject to review by the County Attorney's Office and the Finance Department, to do the following:

1. Enter into the following expenditure agreements without solicitation through December 31, 2025, and execute future amendments to the agreements and contracts in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the budget for the services listed below:
 - A. Contracts in which the county currently provides services and receives payments from external sources, such as health plans, the Courts, other counties, and other parties, including payments for services already provided.
 - B. Lead or host county contracts held by other counties in accordance with Minnesota Statute 256.0112.
 - C. Community support programs, culturally specific African American community support programs, and culturally specific American Indian / Indigenous community support programs.
 - D. Providers authorized by community collaboratives established in Minnesota Statute 124D.23 for which Ramsey County has fiscal agent responsibilities.
 - E. Providers of psychiatric, psychosexual, and psychological services; to conduct evaluations, consultations, therapy, and treatment, as long as funds are available, the need exceeds the supply of providers, and the providers are registered or licensed.
2. Approve actions deemed necessary for the orderly administration of expenditure agreements through December 31, 2025:
 - A. Acceptance of supplementary awards or rate adjustments the county may receive from funding sources other than county levy; and execute amendments with funders and contractors.
3. Authorize the County Manager to enter into expenditure grant agreements and execute amendments to agreements in a form approved by Finance and the County Attorney's Office provided the amounts of funding are within the limits of the department's approved budget.

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

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

By: 

Jason Yang, Interim Chief Clerk - County Board